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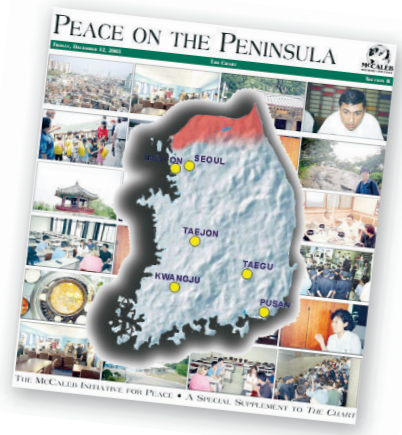

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A LONG FLIGHT

Southern student ventures to South Korea in an effort to study two countries torn by the DMZ. Section B

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Southern students Kristy Goswick and Jennifer Snowden lost their home Nov. 25 to a fire in their apartment complex.

Russ Hagerman/ The Chart

Two students lose nearly everything in fire

By Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

Kristy Goswick can't sleep at night.

The memories of the fire are still with her. She said it's easier to detect a fire when awake, so sometimes sleeping doesn't feel safe. That's what's constantly on her mind now, after a fire destroyed her old apartment complex.

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Goswick, freshman undecided major, lived in Quail Ridge apartments in Carthage with her three children and roommate, Jennifer Snowden, sophomore health promotion and wellness major.

On the night of Nov. 25, Goswick put her children to bed like normal, placing their backpacks and shoes by the door. She said it was funny, because on that particular night it was the first time the children questioned her as to why they had to put their shoes by the door.

"If there's ever a fire or anything, we'll know right where the shoes are," Goswick told her

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Public safety ponders idea of police status

By Jonathan BeVille
City Editor

An idea is floating around campus to make the Missouri Southern department of public safety a commissioned law enforcement agency.

That change in status, should it come to fruition, would give officers on the campus the power to make arrests and open doors to mutual aid agreements with other area law enforcement agencies, said Ken Kennedy, director of the department of public safety.

"It's important not to make any assumptions that something will happen soon," said University President Julio León, "because it's not."

Ken Kennedy
Director of the Department of Public Safety

Kennedy said the change in status to a law enforcement agency would have to be approved by the administration and the Board of Governors.

"Many other colleges and universities the size of our institution have commissioned law enforcement on campus," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said with Southern becoming a University the institution is attempting to mirror other universities not only in the state, but also across the country.

León on the other hand said he is committed to the University evolving on its own.

"I don't feel we will be doing things as a university because others do them," he said. "Our concern has always been what is best for our students and faculty."

Kennedy said law enforcement on campus is only an idea at this point. No proposals have been made at this time.

He said there were numerous advantages to having a police force on campus.

"A police department per se opens the door to dispatching opportunities with other agencies, mutual aid agreements, whereby officers back each other up in case of emergency and funding opportunities, some tied to Homeland Security that are not otherwise available," Kennedy said.

As for the mutual aid agreements, both León and Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said they were satisfied with the University's relationship with the Joplin Police Department.

"Right now, I'm not interested in having public safety being commissioned officers," Carnahan said. "The reason for that is our good relationship with the Joplin Police Department. If we were an urban campus or an isolated one like Warrensburg, I could see it. As we are now though, we have everything we need."

Carnahan said he would be open to the idea if enrollment at the University grew to a point where it became necessary.

Southern students have expressed opinions both in support of and opposed to having a commissioned police force on campus.

The majority of students interviewed, however, are not supportive of the idea.

"It could be necessary for certain events or situations like drug possession," said Joe Cooper, freshman undecided major. "Basically as long as they are here to make sure we are safe, it's OK."

Doyle Brigman, senior computer science major, and Nick Van Dyke,

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MAJOR MOOLAH

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Keishi Kiyomoto, Japanese exchange student, celebrates with friends shortly after scoring a shot from half court and winning $500 during the halftime Great Southern Shootout contest at the Dec. 6 men's basketball game.

Academic VP search continues

By Michelle Conty
Coordinating Editor

The search continues for a vice president for academic affairs.

After Dr. Larry Martin retired in 2003, Dr. Betsy Griffin was asked to fill the position until a national search could be held for a permanent replacement.

"We had more than 60 applicants," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs. "We have narrowed those over the past several weeks to less than 15."

Dr. Betsy Griffin did apply to keep the position.

Griffin has been with Missouri Southern for 26 years. In that time she was the head of the psychology department for 10 years, was the interim dean of the school of education and was the assistant to the vice president of academic affairs for two years. Agee said an advertisement for the position appeared in September and October editions of *The Chronicle of Higher Education.*

Dr. Betsy Griffin
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Agee said the ad has been on the Internet since Sept. 19. The ad, placed by the search committee, calls for an individual with 10 or more years of academic administrative experience.

The ad reads, "The ideal candidate will be innovative, student oriented and skillful in articulating issues both internally and externally."

The position is the chief academic officer for the University, responsible for programs in the schools of arts and sciences, business administration, education and psychology and technology.

The committee plans to have the candidates narrowed to five or less before the holiday break.

"We want to bring the candidates to campus for interviews after the spring semester is underway," Agee said.

The on-campus interviews will be extensive; although details have not yet

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Missouri Dental Association donates money, smiles to Southern

By Michelle Conty
Coordinating Editor

The Missouri Dental Association improves smiles every day.

At the Nov. 21 Board of Governors meeting the association made Missouri Southern smile.

Dr. Charles McGinty, president of the Board of Governors and a Joplin dentist, presented University President Julio León with the first of two checks for $12,500. The second check, also for $12,500, is planned to be presented in January.

"I can't say enough about Missouri Southern for their forward thinking, especially in the field of distance learning," McGinty said.

The donation is to enhance the dental hygiene program. There is a statewide shortage of dental hygienists. Southern's program is highly sought after, often receiving more than one hundred applicants.

"There is also a shortage of people with the credentials necessary to teach dental hygiene," said Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs.

In other news:

- Sprinturf is putting the finishing touches on the new football turf.

Beynon Sports Surfaces, the company contracted to resurface the track, had planned on beginning the process this semester, however due to inclement weather the project has to be done during the spring 2004 semester.

"All the prep work has been done on our side," said Bob Harrington director of the physical plant. "We are just waiting for them to put down the track surface."

- Student representative Stacey Allen thanked the administration for addressing the Student Senate Nov. 19.

León, Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning; and Griffin spent an hour answering senators' questions and concerns.

"We were met with thoughtful and interesting questions by the senators," León said.

"They have committed some of their own revenues to improve the campus and have taken the initiative to

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Partly Cloudy

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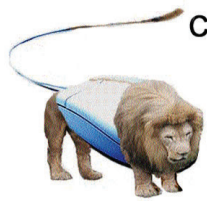

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Snow cancels caroling plan

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Wrapping up the semester before the holiday break, the Student Senate held its last meeting Dec. 3.

After allocating $2,000 during the meeting, the Senate's budget was left with a surplus of $1,868 for the semester. Because the meeting was the last official meeting before the holiday break, Zack Odem, Senate president, suspended the rules to allow for Koinonia to present a request for money for a trip to Keystone, Colo. during the break.

The organization will allow any student who wants to go on the trip to come. However, all students must pay $220 for the trip. Those who cannot pay in full may go and do chores during the trip to pay off what they owe. The finance committee recommended $1,000 and Senate approved the allocation. The next organization to receive a $1,000 allocation was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The organization will work with the Boys and Girls Club to provide Christmas presents to those who cannot afford them. FCA will also bring Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus along for the children. They will raffle decorations and a Christmas dinner.

Senators were supposed to go caroling in a couple of nursing homes for their Dec. 10 meeting, but because of the weather, they could not. Odem said the semester was a good semester from several different view points.

"The meeting with the president was very productive," Odem said.

He also looks forward to the spring semester.

"I think Senate is fulfilling its position and its duty as student liaison," he said.

Odem noted the electric sign and health and recreation center projects are ready for discussion and more results in the spring semester.

He said the spring semester has been prepared as a banner semester. He said he was appreciative of the new senators who came at the beginning of the semester, and he is also glad for the cooperation between Senate and CAB.

"It becomes apparent who is going to be leaders," he said.

The first meeting of Senate for the spring semester will be during the first week of classes.

Chart announces editors for spring

FROM STAFF REPORTS

With the departure of two editors, *The Chart* will be undergoing a handful of changes for the spring semester.

Two current editors, Josh Ray and Mandi Steele, will be leaving in December to pursue journalism careers.

New editorial positions include: Philip Martin, executive editor; T.J. Gerlach, managing editor; Jonathan BeVille, associate editor; Melissa Blanchard, sports editor; Karena Wells, state news editor; and David Haut, public forum editor.

Jerry Manter will continue as editor-in-chief. Other editors include Michelle Conty, coordinating editor; Andy Tevis, director of photography; Nate Billings, international editor; Melissa Dunson, diversions editor; and Jessica MacIntosh, online editor. Jacob West will return as advertising manager.

It is not too late to join *The Chart* staff.

The newspaper always welcomes writers, photographers, designers and sales representatives. Check with an adviser to enroll for the spring.

Readers may reach *The Chart* newsroom at 625-9311.

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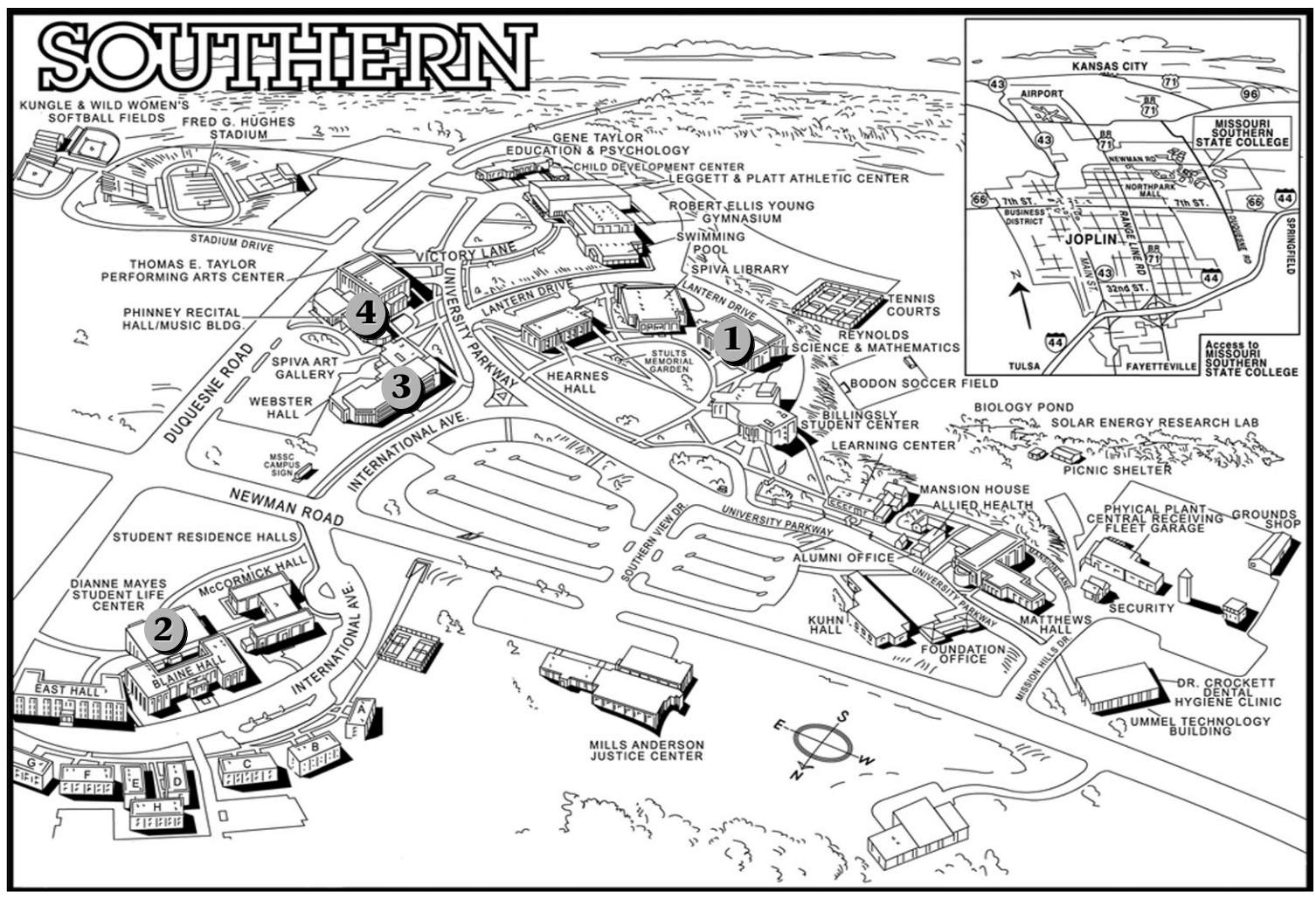
It should also be noted this will be the last newspaper of the fall semester. *The Chart* will return Jan. 23.



Thief steals pounds of tuna, pudding

1 Sick Student

12/2/03

10 a.m.

Security responded to a call about a student having a seizure in Reynolds Hall.

Upon arrival, the officer found the student lying on the floor. The student had dropped to the floor and laid there with a jerking motion for three minutes.

The student said she had had a seizure two weeks prior. She was transferred to Freeman Hospital.

2 Theft

11/26/03

9:30 a.m.

A cafeteria worker called security to report a theft from a kitchen storeroom.

Someone had used a key to enter the room and had stolen one gallon of syrup, 12 pounds of tuna, one gallon of mayonnaise and 10 pounds of pudding, coming to a total value of $85.26.

The worker thought items were being removed from the storeroom, but was not positive until this incident.

3 Harassment

11/21/03

3 p.m.

A student went to the security office to report another student harassing him.

Another student had approached the plaintiff and confronted him about a something rude being said to a mutual friend. The student was aggressive towards the plaintiff and told the student he was going to "kick your ass."

There were four witnesses to the event.

4 Safety Hazard

11/18/03

10:30 a.m.

During a building inspection for an insurance company, an engineer discovered two propane bottles in the art department.

The engineer advised that the way the bottles were set up was unacceptable and a "serious" explosion-fire hazard and must be removed immediately. The engineer said if this situation continued, he would notify insurance underwriters.

Campus Calendar

Award-winning representative set to speak at commencement

The 41st commencement ceremony will be held Dec. 20.

322 graduates will be awarded a total of 342 degrees in the first commencement held since Missouri Southern achieved university status last summer.

Rep. Ron Richard (R-Joplin) will deliver the commencement address. Richard is also a Southern graduate and was one of three individuals who received the annual "Outstanding Alumni" award at Southern this fall.

Richard was elected to the House in November 2002. He also served as the mayor of Joplin for three years and on the Joplin City Council for four years before that. He is a member of numerous organizations in the area, including the Missouri Southern State University Foundation and the Knights of Columbus.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

In the instance of inclement weather, there are numerous places for people to go to check the status of classes and programs.

Numerous media outlets provide announcements of class status

Persons wondering if classes have been canceled or not can check the University's Web page, call the local and regional radio stations (including areas farther out, such as Aurora, Pittsburg and Northwest Arkansas), watch the local TV stations or check the news services at Joplin.com and Joplinindependent.com.

The new FOX14 station does not have the capability of "crawling" announcements and will not be able to post closing announcements.

The status of classes and events will be released as soon as decisions on the subject are made.

Persons are encouraged to check the sources frequently due to the time delay between reporting the status and the actual posting of it.

Suzuki Academy plans concert, welcomes students to 'play in'

A free violin concert will feature the Suzuki Academy students.

The performers are students of Jon Gayman, Kexi Liu and Elizabeth Messinger. The students of the academy will be accompanied by Tascille King and Alison Hasselquist.

Area violin students are welcome to join the academy students during the performance.

The "Play-In" concert will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

The concert is free.

Honors students present theses to fulfill senior requirements

The list of December senior thesis presentations by honors students has been released.

At 3 p.m. Dec. 12, Katarina Dzidic will present her thesis about "Gender Differences in the Experience of Love." The presentation will be held in Webster Hall, Room 105.

On Dec. 16, Lisa Palmer and John Magoffin will present their "Out With the Cookbook, In With the Toolbox" thesis. The presentation will be held at 3 p.m. in Reynolds Hall, Room 232.

Everyone is invited to attend the presentations.

Department announces changes in veteran employees' positions

Two veteran employees of the University have been put into new positions.

The department of student services has announced that Judy Brill will be the new secretary in the health center, and Melanie Epperson will become the new secretary in the student activities office.

Both will have full-time status in their new positions beginning in 2004.

Child abuse group announces winners, awards, various prizes

The Coalition Against Child Abuse has announced the winners of its coloring contest.

The contest was broken up into four age groups, and three-four winners were chosen from each group for a total of 13. Prizes ranging from gift certificates/cards to KSYN items were awarded to the winners.

In the 4 and under group, Kaitlyn Adams took first place and was awarded a $10 gift card to Toys "R" Us. Ryan Hockett took the top place in the 5-9 age group. He was given a $10 Wal-Mart gift card.

In the 10-12 age group, Kevin Keough received a $15 Best Buy gift card for first place. A $15 Best Buy gift card was also given to the first place winner in the 13 and up group. Devon Thomas was the winner of that award.

All the contest winners' submissions are on display in the Justice Center.

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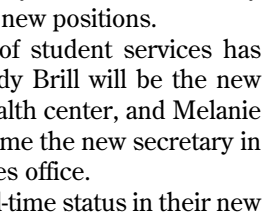

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Students receive chance to download legally

Penn State allows access to streaming

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

One university has taken a different approach to stopping the illegal downloading of music.

It is making it legal.

Pennsylvania State University has recently signed a deal with Napster allowing students to stream music for free. There is a $9.99 charge for the service, but the fee is accounted for in the technology fee the students already pay.

Bill Mahon, assistant vice president for university relations at PSU, said the fee will not make the technology fee rise, either.

He said the idea for the alliance came from University President Graham Spanier. Because of the idea, Napster set up a "great" deal with the university to give students the access.

"We're apparently the first school to do this," Mahon said.

He said the deal was so great he wasn't allowed to talk about it.

So far, the university has just been running tests of the new deal with small groups of students, and Mahon said the feedback from the students trying it has been positive.

Come January, PSU will start its pilot study on the students in the residence halls. The service will be available to all residence hall students at the 24 campuses across the state. Mahon said is around 17,000 students who will have access.

"If everything works out positively, we hope to have it available to all Penn State students in the fall of 2004," he said.

Unfortunately for the students, though, they do not get to keep the music. Mahon said it is basically renting it. If the student wants to burn a song to a CD, they have to pay an extra fee.

He anticipates the debut of the alliance to start a trend through the other institutes of higher learning in the country.

"It'll probably start to become a pretty regular service at a lot of colleges and universities in the future," Mahon said.

Yuki Morikawa, exchange student at Missouri Southern, said she would like to see something like this happen at Southern. She thinks it would be better for the students, because they could download more easily and safely.

"It's better to be legal," Morikawa said.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said the idea might be something the University will look into at some point.

"If that's something that becomes a trend in colleges and universities across the country, that's definitely something we would have to look into," Carnahan said.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said there are problems with students downloading music in the residence halls. He said that anytime a student downloads, they are also uploading at the same time. This uses a lot of the bandwidth the University has. He said recently one student was using up 8/10 of the University's bandwidths.

"He just thought he was downloading, but really he was uploading to the world," Earney said.

He said the idea is also something he thinks the University could consider at some point in time.

Carnahan said it is definitely not something that will happen in the near future.

"It wouldn't happen overnight," he said.

Andrew Hudspeth, junior history major, brushes snow off his car at the residence hall parking lot after classes were canceled on Dec. 10, because the Joplin area received about six inches of snow.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Six-inch snowfall hits area, Southern cancels classes

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

A week before finals, Southern students found themselves with an extra day off on Dec. 10.

The Joplin Regional Airport reported snowfall totals of six inches, more than twice the average December snowfall for the area, which the National Weather Service reports as 2.8 inches.

Joe Howard, public safety officer at Southern, said the department of public safety began receiving calls the night before.

By the morning of Dec. 10, close to 500 people had called to see if the University would be open, he said.

One student contacted *The Chart* to find out if classes were in session.

"Every time it snows, this happens," Howard said.

Karen Quentanilla, an exchange student from Chile, spent the morning, like many Southern students, in the Student Life Center.

It only snows in the mountains in Chile, she said, making today the first time she saw snow.

Dustin Ables, junior computer science major, was working in the Student Life Center in the morning.

"I think we'll just watch a movie or something, and maybe play in the snow later," Ables said.

As a staff assistant, Ables was among the first students to find out that classes were canceled.

"I was surprised we did not have school at first," he said. "Then I remembered it rained the night before, then sleeted, so I figured it would be slick under the snow."

Alan Mathews, weatherman at KODE, said it's not rare for Joplin to receive this much snow this early in the season, but it's not common either.

"I've been here about six years, and it seems like we've had a couple of instances of snow like this in December," Mathews said.

He said predicting the weather can be difficult.

"Sometimes we are lucky to know what it will do tomorrow," Mathews said. "When I left [Dec. 9] we were expecting two inches; we got six at the airport."

People have begun calling the station to find out about the likelihood of having a white Christmas, he said.

"In our area, there is about a 25 percent chance," Mathews said.

As of right now, he said, it is too soon to tell.

University inches toward higher degrees

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Board meetings, as a rule, follow standard procedure. However, the Nov. 21 Board of Governors meeting set a new standard for Missouri Southern.

The meeting followed a signing ceremony for a cooperative agreement for graduate programs between Northwest Missouri State University and Southern. The signing ceremony made official an agreement between the two institutions to offer graduate degrees in early childhood education and instructional technology in education. These programs are to be offered in fall 2004.

Other programs to be offered as joint master's degree programs will gradually follow.

"This sets a precedent for such programs," said University President Julio León.

The duties of the two institutions are spelled out in the agreement. The programs are now awaiting approval by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"This program allows our institutions to combine our strengths, build programs, and do what we couldn't do otherwise," said NWMSU President Dean Hubbard.

Dr. Julio León
University President

León and Hubbard agreed this cooperative effort would allow both universities to better serve Missouri and the region as a whole.

"Northwest has a reputation for being a progressive institution," León said. "They are distinguished in the field of quality control."

NWMSU established the first online campus in 1987. Courses for the new graduate programs will be a hybrid of televised, Internet and conventional classroom instruction.

"We have an obligation to the citizens and taxpayers to be as efficient as possible," Hubbard said.

The agreement between NWMSU and Southern is a model agreement. Any future agreement with or between any two institutions in the state will have to follow the same set of guidelines.

Currently, Southern will not have to hire new instructors for the graduate degrees.

"We plan to make use of adjunct instructors and use our existing faculty for now," León said.

Southern is working toward setting up cooperative graduate programs with Central Missouri State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Southwest Missouri State University.

"We are proceeding with no timelines; it will happen when it happens," León said.

The University has to be careful to make sure procedures are followed closely to ensure approval by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"In spite of going through financial difficulties (because of state budget cuts), this institution is never at a stand still," León said.

"We are in the process of a formal request to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education," said Dr. Betsy Griffin,

TURN TO **DEGREES**, PAGE 11A

Students can stay on campus during break

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

Although the students pay to live in the residence halls for 16 weeks, there are some weeks — Thanksgiving and holiday breaks — not covered in the residence hall contracts.

The Residence Hall Association charged $10 per night over the Thanksgiving break for those students who wanted to stay in the halls. Students, including athletes and international students, will have to pay a $200 fee for the time over the holiday break.

"The residence halls are closed at those times," said Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing. "It is not covered in the contract."

Gipson said during the Thanksgiving and spring break weeks, any student is allowed to stay in the residence halls if he or she has a "valid reason." Over the holidays - Dec. 26 through Jan. 8, students must fill out a specific application.

"It's my call who stays," Gipson said.

During the holidays, there are a limited number of spaces students can stay in. Gipson said this year students would be allowed to stay in their own rooms.

"We have the right to put people all in one place," she said. "It is all about space versus people."

Students must pay the fees in advance for the time they are living in the residence halls. Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said if students do not pay, they will not be allowed to stay in the halls. The money the students pay for the time they are in the residence halls goes toward paying the operations working over the breaks.

"We have bills to pay," Gipson said.

"(The money goes to) pay the staff over the break," Carnahan said.

Carnahan said this is the first year the residence halls are open all year to the students. Last year the residence halls were not open during the holidays.

"We were closed at Christmas," he said.

Gipson said the intercession was the first time the RHA started charging students to remain in the residence halls.

"It is a new thing for us," she said. "We are still working out the bugs."

Gipson said there have not been any complaints regarding the fees.

"Students don't realize (days not covered in the contract)," she said. "They don't understand the contract."

Hannah Kelsey, sophomore international business and French major, said paying the fees is "ridiculous."

"People are already paying to stay here," Kelsey said. "Some people cannot go home, and they should not have to pay more than they are."

"Why should we pay a second time?" said Joe Mulia, sophomore French and international studies major. "Prices are high."

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

In their residence hall room,Yuichi Kakimoto, junior marketing major, and Edouard Dubois, senior political science major, watch television.

Editor's Column

Experiences on *Chart* create friends, insight

Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

When I look back and see what I have done this year, I can't believe how much has happened.

With the help of Missouri Southern, I was able to visit five different countries this year. Even though in two of those countries all I saw was the airport, I think that still counts.

The first country I saw this year was Cuba. Being able to visit Cuba with three of my good friends from *The Chart* was an unbelievable experience I shall never forget and always treasure.

Then I visited Austria and Hungary with my Global Journalism class. That was another wonderful experience I shared with some of the best friends anyone could ask for. I had layovers in Mexico and the Netherlands — the two other countries I still count.

But actually, what I really wanted to do with this farewell column is say good-bye to *The Chart*, because I'm leaving it this semester to work a full-time position off campus. I have been on *The Chart* since my first semester at Southern, and it will feel very strange not to be a part of the team next year.

I'm not going to lie and say it was all bliss being on the newspaper. There were many days when I wanted to give up. Everyone on *The Chart* knows what I mean. Too many stories to write, late nights, photos not coming in, stories not coming in, working on deadline, sources reaming you for this or that, people disagreeing with your opinion columns, working on time-consuming supplements, computers freezing up, uncooperative faculty and sources not returning calls are all a part of the game. But we learn to take the bad with the good, hoping the students do enjoy their paper and appreciate it.

We really felt like some of our hard work paid off last semester because we were lucky enough to win Best in State in the Missouri College Media Association competition. That was really important to us.

Even more important to me are close friendships I was able to create through *The Chart*. I've enjoyed spending time with my friends in Cuba, Austria, during the newspaper conventions and every day at college. I've learned so much that I just hope I can keep that knowledge with me for the rest of my life.

To everyone who is not on *The Chart*, and therefore probably bored by this column, thanks for reading the paper and making my job on *The Chart* possible.

To all my supportive instructors, thanks so much for your help.

To everyone on *The Chart,* and previously on *The Chart*, thanks for helping to make this year one of the greatest of my life.

Mandi Steele is the Managing Editor for The Chart. *Her opinions are her own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

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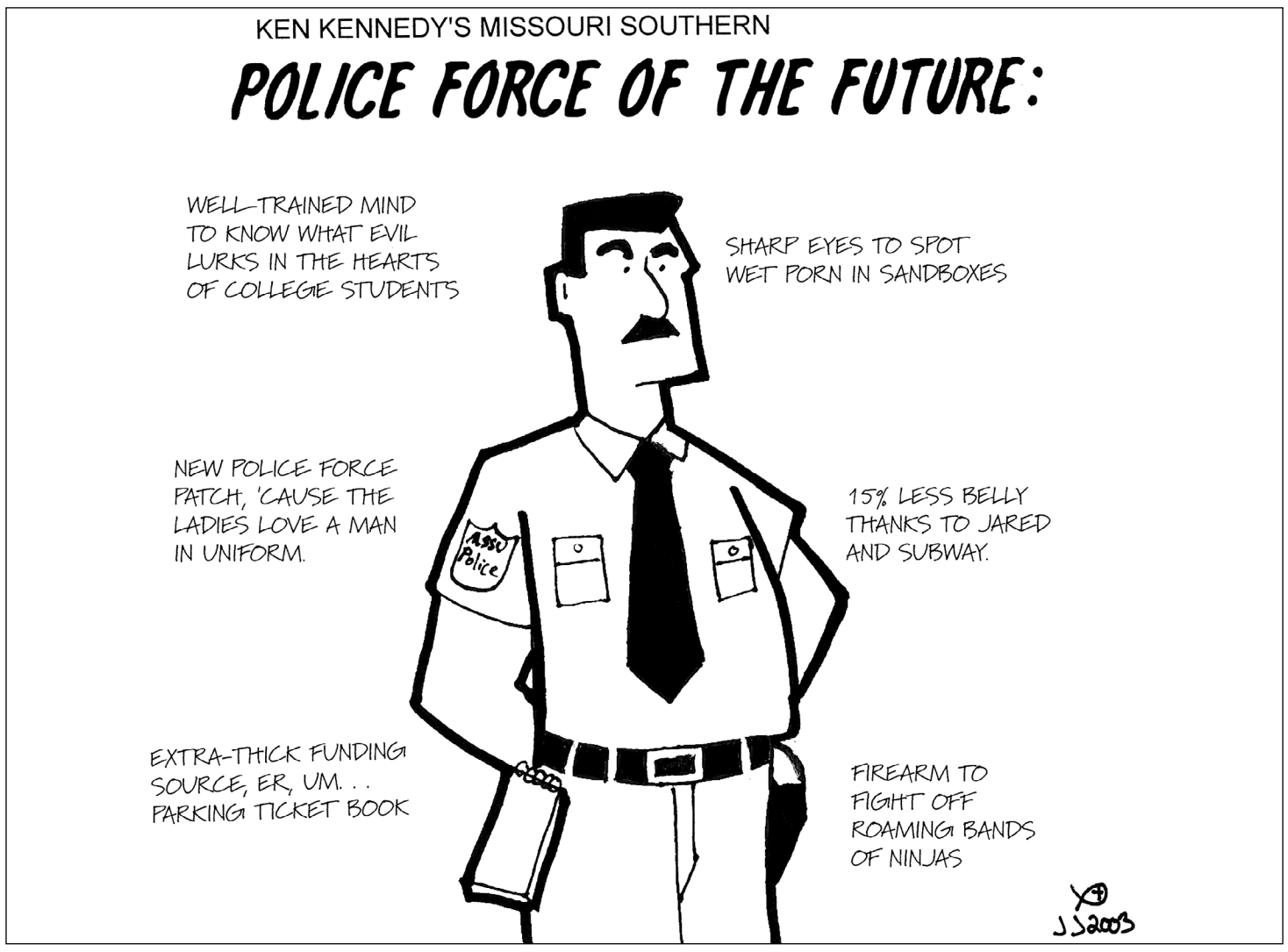
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Campus does not need PD

Chart Opinion

Missouri Southern Safety and Security may be looking for another name change, this time to Missouri Southern State University Police Department.

The main question that stems from this possible change is why? When asked about this, students have said there isn't enough crime on campus to facilitate a police force. In 2002, there were four burglaries and 25 reports of theft on campus. According to the statistics posted on the campus safety and security Web site there were seven arrests made in 2002, one for weapons law violations and six for drug law violations, five of which were in the residence halls.

The rumors have spread that with a police force the officers will be allowed to carry weapons, i.e. guns. If Southern were to implement a police force, the officers should take a lesson from Colorado State University. The police officers at CSU are required to have 860 hours of training at a state certified police academy and field-training in preparation before ever suiting up for the job. If this change occurs, how many officers will be commissioned?

There are little to no crimes on campus, so maybe a handful of officers is all that is needed to be commissioned.

Even so, if officers at Southern were to go through such training and new officers hired, the question remains — why? If there is little crime on campus there seems to be no reason to change the way security acts now to a force that could have the right to arrest people, instead of just writing tickets.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Do you think Southern should have a commissioned police force?

"I think it would be a huge waste of MSSU money. If the crime rate was high, maybe that would change things, but it's not."

Hope Biesterveld
Sophomore
History
Major

"Personally, I don't think it's necessary. We're in the Bible belt, and we're not a wet campus, so there's nothing to justify it."

Nick Wilkowski
Senior
CIS
Major

"I don't see there being that much crime on campus. So therefore I don't see a need for it."

Aaron Davied
Freshman
Secondary Education
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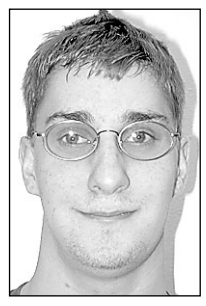

"You don't hear or see about that much crime going on here as you do in bigger towns."

Ricky Sullenger
Freshman
CIS
Major

"I don't really see a need for it."

Andrea Smith
Freshman
Undecided
Major

Editor's Column

Stand up for what you believe in, be ready to fight for it

Josh Ray
Executive Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, it is time.

It's time to see if all the money spent was worth it. It's time to see if all the time was a waste or not. It's time to walk across the stage in front of hundreds of peers, family, friends and people we don't know. It's time to start taking those first few wary steps into the Big-Bad Real World. It's time to start our lives. It's time to graduate. After three and a half years, I'm ready for this moment.

To be honest with you, it was worth the money, the time and all the effort (or lack thereof). The knowledge that I am walking away with makes it all worth every second of fun lost, every penny spent and every stressed week. The true knowledge though came not from my classes (which I did learn a lot in), but rather from my experiences.

Now, as I begin taking those slow, unsure steps into that next stage of my life, I want to pass on to all of you one of the things I did learn in the past few years. Maybe it'll be as useful to you as it has for me.

Stand up for what you believe in.

Too many times do people back down from what they believe in because it goes against the "social norm." They're afraid of condemnation, discrimination or humiliation. But you should never be afraid to speak your mind to the masses. The only reason the majority and "social norm" carries so much power is because those who believe otherwise don't have the balls to stand against it. Change that. Fight for what you believe in. If you hate our president, let people know. If you can't stand Christianity, by all rights, stand against it. If you're pro-choice in a land of pro-lifers, then please shout that opinion for the whole world to hear.

And if you make a few people mad in the process, so what? It just means you got their attention. In that case, you're one step closer to making a difference.

Stand up for what you believe in, and then be ready to fight for it. Be ready to take the battle wherever it goes. Don't back down. If you're going to declare your opinion to the world, and then drop it in the face of controversy, don't waste your breath in the first place. It's not worth anyone's time.

The best advice for standing up for what you believe in is to trust your heart.

In this day and time, you are the only person who knows what is best for you. Sorry to burst everyone's bubble, but what is right for the majority is not always right for everyone. War cries for terrorist acts by our country do not settle well with all Americans. Christianity is not the right religion for everyone. These are facts now, and always will be.

Just trust in what you believe in and what feels right for you. Nobody knows you as well as you do. While your parents, teachers, friends or family may assume to know "what's best" for you, they don't. They never will. Only you know your right path, whether it be with the forbidden significant other, marching on Washington in protest or worshipping the great Allah. Only you can decide what's best in your life.

It's time to take control, and be you. It's time to start living.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to say good-bye.

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PACKING UP

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Preparing for the end of the semester, Hyo-sun Choi, senior business and English literature major, will leave for break to return home to Korea.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Liu Lign (far left), director of foreign affairs for BBU, and Su Zhi Wu, vice president of BBU, came to Missouri Southern on Nov. 26 to sign a three-year agreement with Southern. Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, and Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, signed the agreement for Southern.

Southern gains partner

Beijing Broadcast University signs agreement for student exchange

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

Soon, Missouri Southern students will have the opportunity to experience China's cultural diversity while studying at Beijing Broadcast University (BBU).

"This is the university that we made contact with in 1997, when I took a trip to China to visit several universities," University President Julio León said. "The contact actually was made, because a few years before that we had a professor from that university on our campus to meet the national exchange program. We had been invited, and I visited the university. And we said that we would like to engage into an exchange program some time in the future."

BBU is one of the national-level major universities in China. Founded in March 1954, BBU has emerged from an initial specific academy into a comprehensive institution.

BBU is promoting international academic exchanges and has established contacts with more than 100 universities, research institutions and broadcasting organizations in about 40 countries.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International studies, participated in the BBU's International forum on Internet communication development in the new century.

"I visited BBU in April of 2001," Stebbins said. "I was very impressed with what they have to offer. It's definitely in Missouri Southern's advantage to be affiliated with this very prestigious institution. We are glad that they want to partner with Missouri Southern, because they are a very significant institution in China."

With 37 departments and 71 majors, BBU offers courses from cartoon making to television literature and international communications.

"They essentially specialize in communications," León said. "They prepare personnel for TV stations, for radio stations in journalism and also they have a very strong program in filmmaking. They also have other fields of study and they offer degrees all the way up to Ph.D. They have well over 25,000 students. "

The exchange program calls for what is known as a one-to-one exchange.

"In other words, if five students from here go to BBU, then five of their students can come here," León said, "So we don't charge them anything, and they don't charge our students anything. So the Missouri Southern student will pay tuition here, and they can take a semester or a year of studies in Beijing. And the same way, students in Beijing pay their university, and they come over here."

To attend the other universities, students will pay the cost of tuition for their respective university and will have to cover the cost of the international flight. The two parties will discuss the period of staying with the other party before the exchange is conducted.

"Actually, anybody can go there, because they also have programs especially for overseas students who do not have good knowledge of the language. So you can go there, you can take elementary Chinese and they will teach you other things about the Chinese culture," León said.

Dr. Dale Simpson, head of the English department, is optimistic about the exchange with Beijing.

"I hope that we can get us a number of our students to be there within a year or two," Simpson said. China is opening up to the West with various cultural and business exchanges. The climate is open for cooperation between the United States and China."

Simpson visited China with León and his wife in September 2000.

"We went to several places in China, Taiwan and Japan, and we signed agreements with two Japanese universities and had our initial discussion with the BBU institute, they were not a university at that time," he said.

Simpson went along on the trip, because it was thought that the different institutes might want English teachers to come and teach.

"This is the result of three years of negotiations between them and us," Simpson said. "As far as student exchanges are concerned, I can't think of a reason why students would not want to go to Beijing, which is one of the great cities in the world; to get a chance to go to the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, to go to Tiananmen Square, which is internationally famous. It's a great place to go to for a cultural experience."

Students take on Chicago to discuss international policies

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

The United Nations Association hosted a Model United Nations summit and leadership conference, bringing together student leaders and faculty advisers who share a desire to deepen their understanding of international relations and politics.

Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, took a group of nine Missouri Southern students to the American Model United Nations that was held Nov. 22 - 25 in Chicago.

The conference consists of workshops, roundtable discussions and United Nations briefings for novice and experienced delegates, those interested in learning about the United Nations, student leaders, conference organizers and advisers of all ages.

"The model United Nation's club was also organized specifically to take part in conferences such as this and since the 1960's model United Nations has been a big activity," Teverow said.

"This particular one that we participated in the American model United Nations in Chicago. This is one of the biggest ones in the country. It has 190 members and almost no conference except the national one in New York can have all of these numbers represent them."

Whether Zimbabwe's severe breakdown in the rule of law in the last two years or the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's re-emerging nuclear weapons program, participating students had to deal with economic and environmental as well as with social and human rights questions. Missouri Southern represented Italy at the model United Nations.

"First of all you have to know something about how the United Nation's system works," Teverow said.

"Second thing you have to know about is your country, what are its priorities, what are its positions on the issues that will be considered, because at each Model United Nations conference is an agenda of important global topics. Finally, you have to know about those topics themselves. What the United Nations and other international parties have done and what they haven't done."

Southern's group had to be well informed about the country, which has been president of the European Union in the past few years.

"They had to know something about Italy's current government and the fact that president Berlusconi is among the closest allies of President Bush in Europe right now," Teverow said. "They had to know which nations Italy in recent history, has worked most closely with."

Carolyn Staat, senior middle school education major, was on the World Health Assembly that had to deal basically with SARS.

She had to keep the golden mean between representing the Assembly's interests and allowing concessions.

"You have to try to get your group together," Staat said.

"You are trying to come to that kind of understanding that, 'You might not like that idea, but we will give you that idea if you take this one instead.'"

"It's a give and take thing. You have to be very careful of your wording, very neutral."

Staat had a positive conclusion about the Model United Nations conference.

"It's a fast pace type of meeting, they have a lot of debating and arguing," she said. "It's a lot of fun if you like to do something like that, it's a new experience."

Staat said the conference develops new strengths in people.

Cesar Vazquez, senior international business major, was in the first committee discussing disarmament.

This year's model United Nations conference was not his first one.

"Last year we represented Costa Rica," Vazquez said. It's really huge. This year there was one university from Greece representing Armenia."

He said the model United Nations was an authentic experience for him.

"You get an idea on how hard it is in the United Nations, the real one, to deal with these topics," Vazquez said. "You have to follow the countries' political issues.

"You feel like you are a diplomat. We did a really good job over there."

Southern will represent Israel in the spring semester.

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Klyntt Cauthon, lead guitar and vocals, screams into the mic during a Nov. 15 performance at The Green Room.

Steev Wamble, bass player for Brutally Frank, shows his style during a show at The Green Room with The Karltens.

Patti Richardson/ The Chart

Brutally Frank

Band draws fans with 'punkabilly'

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

One man's trash is another man's treasure.

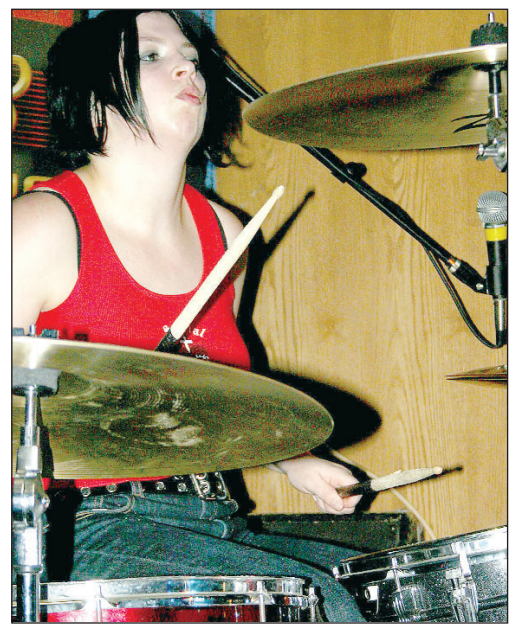
Klyntt Cauthon, Joplin, found his first guitar in the garbage.

"I saw this old, red Johnson guitar in a trashcan at my friend's house," Cauthon said. "It was just screaming for me. It didn't work or even have any strings, but it was the first guitar I ever held."

That was eight years ago. In the last year and a half, Cauthon's band, the three-piece punk powerhouse, Brutally Frank, has become one of the most popular bands in the area.

Cauthon, guitar and vocals, and Mell Clark, Oronogo, drums and vocals, formed Brutally Frank in March 2002. Steev Wamble, Webb City, replaced the band's former bass player in Feb. 2003 to form the tight, energetic band in its rise to notoriety.

The members hesitantly describe themselves as "pissed off punk with a rockabilly twang."



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Mell Clark, drummer and back-up vocals, keeps fast-paced beat to the unique music.

"Some people say we're a punk band, some say we're a rockabilly band and that we've lost our punk edge," Cauthon said.

The band members have come a long way from the awkward teen years when they started their musical journey. Wambles found musical inspiration and guidance from an unlikely source.

"When I was a kid, I had this bus driver named Charlie Brown," Wamble said. "He was an awesome guitarist, and he always encouraged me to play guitar."

Wamble received his first guitar at age 16 and took lessons from Brown until a major scheduling conflict retired his guitar to the corner of his bedroom to remain untouched for several years. Eventually Wamble began playing guitar and bass again with some of his friends.

In 2000, he began a three-year stint playing with the two-piece band Aural Fidelity.

Clark began playing drums in the Webb City high school band.

"I was a band geek," Clark said. "I did the whole half-time show thing, and I was captain of the band."

Clark didn't own a set of drums until Wamble helped her buy one in March 2002 so she could play with the band that would later become Brutally Frank.

The other band members respectfully recognize Clark's early training as the asset it is.

"She's the only one with any formal training, and it shows," Cauthon said.

Since February, the band has gained momentum and fans, extending past the popular bars and clubs in the area to Kansas City, sometimes playing as many as four shows a weekend.

The Cesspool is Brutally Frank's favorite venue because it's all-ages policy admits the band's most ardent fans, the majority of whom are still in high school. The band refers to these underage fans as "the Brutally Frank army."

"When we did our sound check the crowd must have doubled," Cauthon said. "Kids were just crawling out from under rocks. As soon as we started playing, 40 or 50 kids right up front started going crazy. I jumped into the crowd for my guitar solo, and the kids carried me around."

The younger crowd brings a new, infecting energy to concerts.

"You can feed off of the crowd," Clark said. "If you see that they're having a good time, then you'll have a good time. When I can feel the crowd's energy, I could play forever and be all right."

The members, who appear so confident on stage, are still unaccustomed to the fans and not quite comfortable with their own popularity.

"It's flattering when people come up to you, but I get kind of embarrassed," Clark said.

Cauthon thinks their reactions are understandable.

"It's just weird, because a year ago, those same people were throwing pop cans at me on my way to work," he said.

Brutally Frank has one CD available, *Quickstart Full Loading*, named after a VCR designation and the band's energetic reputation. The band is currently recording it's first full length studio album and will not perform again until their CD release concert in March at The Cesspool.

The members agree they make music, because it's what they want to do.

"I think it's fun, I can't see myself doing anything else," Cauthon said.

Group's final meeting canceled due to inclement weather

By T.J. Gerlach
Public Forum Editor

The final business meeting for the Campus Activities Board was held Dec. 3. It would have been held Dec. 10, but Southern closed for inclement weather.

The Dec. 10 meeting would have been an informal gathering with student members bringing chips, cookies, pop or other snacks.

At the Dec. 3 meeting, members discussed the Christmas pictures that were to be taken on Dec. 10 during lunch.

The Board was having trouble finding someone to play Santa Claus, but decided to go ahead and continue trying to find someone.

"I think we'll be all right with just a holiday scene," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

After classes were canceled on Dec. 10, she said, "I know we'll take the pictures at some point."

She said CAB would try to take the Christmas pictures Dec. 11 or Friday.

The burger and fry day CAB sponsored was a success for the group. Blackford said 559 students received their free hamburgers, fries and drinks, costing CAB about $1,400.

CAB
Campus Activities Board

"I think students appreciated it," Blackford said. "I got more comments than at picnics."

She said CAB has never done something like the burger and fry day before.

Other orders of business at the meeting were some of the spring events.

Blackford said members need to start working on the Valentine's Day packages they will sell.

Registration for the beauty pageant has started and, as of the Dec. 3 meeting, several students had already signed up.

For Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Board will sponsor a luncheon. Also, CAB and the University president's office will sponsor a guest lecturer just prior to the lunch.

"This has just been a wonderful semester [for CAB]," Blackford said. "I was really happy with CAB this semester. I look forward to next semester."

She said next semester CAB needs to advertise, "Not just our events, but CAB as a whole," Blackford said.

She and other CAB members "really want" people to attend the meetings.

The meeting time will remain the same for the spring semester, which is 2 p.m., Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center, next to the Lion's Den.

Local punk band, Brutally Frank, discusses fans, fame and their future album. Read the story for information.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major, sits in the green room Dec. 6. She rehearsed her lines before performing in Southern's newest Children's play, *The Everyday Adventures of Harriet Handleman (Super Genius).*

New children's play educates, entertains regional children

By David Haut
Staff Writer

For now, it's all about the children in Missouri Southern's theatre department.

Senior theatre major Rachel Weisensee and the cast dance to music on stage awaiting the start of their play *The Everyday Adventures of Harriet Handleman (Super Genius)*.

The children's play by Greg Atkins has attracted youngsters from Joplin.

"It's amazing to see [the children's] faces light up when the music starts," said Julie Krummel, senior theatre major and director. "It's very rewarding because the show went well."

The play chronicles a day in the life of fifth grade super genius Harriet Handleman and her quest to save the world. On this particular day, Harriet must stop a shadowy figure from permanently exiling the world's population to a television set.

Her adventure leads her and her friends on a Scooby Doo-esque adventure into the Amazon, the Great Barrier Reef and Egypt.

In the end, Harriet and company manage to save the world and still be home in time for dinner.

Although the show was intended for children, that doesn't imply it was entirely easy for the cast or crew.

"People think 'oh, it's a kid's show; kid's shows don't take that much work,'" said Jimmy Noriega, senior theatre and English major. "I think they take even more work."

"The audience is much more verbal about the show," said Weisensee, who plays the title character. "They will tell you right away if they like it or not."

The actors in the show don't mind that it's a children's production. Many feel the varying work helps to further their acting abilities.

"That's the great thing about doing education theater at a college," Weisensee said. "You get to do so many different things. I feel that I'm very lucky to get the opportunities that I have."

"You're doing it for the kids, so you get to be a kid yourself," Noriega said. "It's a lot different than a serious play."

The cast followed each show with an autograph session in the lobby.

Krummel said audiences responded positively to the show, especially the children.

The play marked the semester's final production.

The theatre season continues in 2004 with *The Diary of Anne Frank*, starting Jan. 20-24 in the Bud Walton Theatre.

Unreleased film promises thrills, chills

Josh Ray
Executive Editor

You know a movie's great when you walk out of the theater not knowing how to feel about it.

That was my reaction to *The Butterfly Effect.*

Starring Ashton Kutcher (in his first major serious role) alongside Amy Smart, the movie is about Evan Treborn, a boy who has blackouts as a child. Growing up, there are certain moments in his life that he just doesn't remember. Usually, they are the most horrible moments possible.

To help combat this selective memory loss, he begins writing in a journal until he leaves his hometown with his mother.

The movie then skips to the years where Evan is in college. Suddenly, by accident, he discovers he can relive those moments that were lost in his mind. Only now, when he remembers them, he can change them, acting in them the way he wants to.

So, he plays God and tries to change the way things are to make things better for him and for Kayleigh, a childhood friend. But when he changes the memories, the butterfly effect causes all the events after that memory to change as well, and not in good ways. In other words, his plans backfire each time.

If you like movies that constantly play with your emotions and have you biting your nails in anticipation, this is a must-see. Kutcher does an awesome job in the serious role.

The whole movie will keep you trying to anticipate (in vain) what is going to happen next. It will take you through a rollercoaster of emotions that you could not even imagine. There are no dull moments. While it's not action-packed or scary, it is a very intense drama. It is well worth the beer money spent to see this movie.

Just do yourself a favor, be ready for the unexpected and the unlikely. Be ready to see the boundaries of "decent" pushed to the extreme.

While the movie isn't necessarily for the squeamish or weak of stomach (with scenes of child pornography to children being murdered, maimed, and beaten, it definitely pushes the limits to their max), I would recommend everyone go see it.

The Butterfly Effect will be released into theaters nationwide Jan. 23.

Be sure to be there. You won't be disappointed.

Local DJ gives love to radio listeners

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Barry West, of Pittsburg, the disk jockey better known as The Love Doctor, has found a new radio station to call home. The DJ that once worked for such Joplin stations as Big Dog 97.9 and KOCD, has now moved to Pittsburg's modern rock station Real Rock 101.7.

West supports interactive radio where listeners are able to give input and even dictate the topics discussed.

"I care about the people I talk to and I want to get people involved," West said.

Real Rock 101.7 allows West to interact with the 18-34-year-old age group that he thinks can make the most difference in the world.

"I really like helping to form the young minds," he said. "It's great when you're responsible for pushing the right button that opens up someone's mind and really makes them think."

During his daily five-hour show, West takes more than 100 calls responding to topics ranging from silly to serious.

"You have to win people's respect before they're going to listen to you," he said.

The DJ adopted the on air title The Love Doctor after a colleague remarked that West was giving love to his listeners.

"I care, and they can tell. I have no alterior motives," West said. "If I can just put a smile on someone's face on the way home, I've done my job."

One listener called and said West's show was the first time he had laughed since his wife died three months previously.

Area students agree West has found a place in niche radio.

"He's eccentric, off the wall and witty," said Caleb Head, freshman undecided major.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Barry West, better known as the Love Doctor, speaks live on-air for Real Rock 101.7 in Pittsburg. His popular radio show airs weekdays from 2-7 p.m.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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Love Don't Cost a Thing, *Something's Gotta Give* and *Stuck on You* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Blue Voo Doo concert @ 9 p.m. @ Jim's Bar & Grill.

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Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Sound and the Fury concert @ 10 p.m. @ AXIUM.

Something Corporate, Days Away, Mae and Rx Bandits concert @ The Beaumont Club in Kansas City.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Annual MSSU Holiday Ball @ 8 p.m. in Billingsly Connor Ballroom.

MSSU Jazz concert airs @ 8 p.m. on KGCS-TV.

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Handel's Messiah @ 7:30 p.m. @ Taylor Auditorium.

17
Karaoke and all-you-can-eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King opens at Northstar 14 Theaters.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird Laws:

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California
Sunshine is guaranteed to the masses.

Animals are banned from mating publicly within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school or place of worship.

Florida
If an elephant is left tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid just as it would for a vehicle.

When having sex, only the missionary position is legal.

Nebraska
It is illegal for bar owners to sell beer unless they are simultaneously brewing a kettle of soup.

New York
A $25 fine can be levied for flirting. This law specifically prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking "at a woman in that way." A second conviction for a crime of this magnitude calls for the violating male be forced to wear a "pair of horse-blinders" wherever and whenever he goes outside for a stroll.

It is against the law to throw a ball at someone's head for fun.

The penalty for jumping off a building is death.

Ohio
Is is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday

It is illegal to get a fish drunk.

Wisconsin
You must manually flush all urinals in a building.

Refund is 'Robin Hood scenario'

Joplin Public Schools left out of Holden's $83 million payout, Southern receives $185,000

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

With finances tight, Missouri Southern and other institutions of higher education could use an extra buck.

Missouri Gov. Bob Holden has recently released $83 million to Missouri schools. Only $8 million of that money can be used by higher education. The remaining $75 million will go to schools K-12.

Southern will receive $185,197 over seven months.

University President Julio León said the amount of money is relatively small, but he is happy to get money back.

"It's still an indication that the governor feels good about the next seven months," he said.

León said the money will be used to replenish Southern's own reserves.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, $210 million was withheld from education by Holden.

Of that money, $20 million was withheld from higher education. And from that $20 million, $1,583,101 was withheld from Southern.

Kevin Wilson, state representative for the 130th district, said he would like to see more money released.

"It's critical," he said. "The governor has put the schools in a bad situation."

Wilson said the money was originally taken from education, because Holden believed the state's budget for the 2004 fiscal year would not take in as much revenue as planned.

The budget was created based on a 4.8 percent increase in revenues. However, the state is currently operating with a 5.6 percent increase in revenue.

The money that Holden released originally came from federal funds for use in social services in the 2005 fiscal year.

Wilson said the money would have come to the state eventually.

Dr. Jim Simpson, superintendent of Joplin schools, said Joplin schools will not receive any of the money released by Holden.

Joplin schools are considered a "hold harmless" district because they are in an area of economic growth.

The "hold harmless" districts would not receive funding and "foundation formula" districts, those located in more rural areas, would benefit from the released monies.

Simpson said the governor took equally from each school district when he originally withheld the money, but is not giving back equally to the schools.

"It's basically a Robin Hood scenario," Simpson said.

He said he was surprised and disappointed with the original announcement because all schools expected Holden to return the money in the same way it was withheld.

The money would mean fewer cutbacks and lessen the impact of more budget cuts expected in the next fiscal year.

Originally, $300,000 was held from Joplin schools.

Simpson is not the only person who sees potential problems with the withheld money.

"Unless you have an educated work k force, you're not going to have economic development," Wilson said.

But there still is a bright side to the released money.

"I'm happy for my fellow districts," Simpson said.

He said other districts need the money just as Joplin does.

León agrees.

"Every little bit helps," León said.

León said there are indications more money will be released in the spring.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Passenger leaves mark on Public Transit System

The Joplin Metro Area PublicTransit System was the recipient of a posthumous gift from an appreciative passenger Nov. 20. The donor, who remains anonymous in a statement released by the city, left $30,000 to MAPS in her will.

The bequest, processed by U.S. Bank, was received by the city at a time when state budget cuts have caused a decrease in funding allocations for programs such as MAPS.

Janice Turner, transit coordinator, said the carrier will use the money to help secure grants requiring matching funds.

MAPS provided more than 63,300 rides to local citizens during the past fiscal year.

Auto dealer announces new community alliance

Rob Robertson, president of auto dealer R&S Chevrolet, announced the formation of a community alliance to benefit McKinley Elementary School and Joplin's Boys and Girls Club.

Included in the partnership are Ozark Christian College and Missouri Southern.

A statement released by R&S said students at both institutions will serve as mentors and role models for area children.

R&S also announced that along with the creation of the alliance, the auto dealer would donate $8,400 each to McKinley, The Boys and Girls Club, OCC and the University.

This series of donations reflects the largest donation the company has ever made at one time.

Tulsa barbeque chain to open in Joplin

Construction began Dec. 9 on what will become Joplin's latest barbeque restaurant.

Representatives of Bold Ribs Company, LLC, announced Dec. 3 its restaurant, Rib Crib BBQ, will be opening in Joplin some time during the spring of 2004.

Originating 11 years ago in Tulsa, the Rib Crib casual dining concept now has 30 family-oriented restaurants including stores in Springfield and Branson.

St. John's offers free diabetes foot screening

St. John's Regional Medical Center will sponsor a diabetes foot-screening clinic from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday

The free program will be held at St. John's Health Connection in Northpark Mall. While the program is free to the public, space is limited and reservations are required. For information, persons may call 625-2000.

Freeman receives award for cardiovascular care

Freeman Health System announced Nov. 24 it has been chosen as one of the nation's 100 top cardiovascular hospitals by Solucient.

Solucient is a company specializing in health care business intelligence.

The nation's 100 top heart hospitals include those who significantly improve survival rates and lower complications.

The statement said, the 100 top heart hospitals have lower mortality rates and return patients to everyday life faster than other hospitals.

'TIS THE SEASON

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

A trumpet player from the Joplin High School Marching Band plays in the Joplin Christmas parade Dec. 2

Groups offer help to Joplin needy

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Donald McBeng, a Joplin resident, has lunch at the Salvation Army Dec. 9.

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

The American dream is quickly becoming a thing of the past for many around the nation. Joplin is no different.

Organizations in the city have been bombarded daily by families looking for a safe place to stay while trying to get back on their feet.

David Crossley, housing coordinator with the Salvation Army, said the organization is receiving an average of five calls per day from families looking for a place to go.

"Eighty-three percent of the people applying for grocery orders are also receiving food stamps," said Glenda Busick, a caseworker with the Salvation Army.

"The average senior citizen on Social Security receives $552 per month with an average of $10 in food stamps."

The typical three-bedroom, two-bath house in fair condition rents for more than $500 per month, while apartments and manufactured homes start at $450, Crossley said.

"People making $5-6 an hour can't afford these prices," he said.

"If they get hurt or laid off for a week, they end up on the street."

Other groups assisting the poor and homeless include Souls Harbor and The Homeless Coalition.

Services made available by the various charity organizations range from feeding programs, to educational opportunities and assistance with individual needs, utilities, clothing and food.

"We have served 593 cases with food, bills, medical and clothes up to October this year, and 275 of those are first-time cases," Busick said.

Studies done by these organizations show there are 200-300 families and individuals searching for a place to stay every night in Joplin.

Reasons believed to contribute to the homeless problem are domestic violence, low wages, lack of affordable housing, and injury without medical insurance, combined with a poor economy.

Program seeks to curb urban deer populations

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

Deer hunting is not just for the "Big Woods" anymore.

Many urban areas in Missouri have enlisted the help of hunters to regulate the deer herds in their cities and towns.

These hunts are done in conjunction with the state's normal deer season with some restrictions regarding the weapons hunters may use.

"This is not a special hunt," said Mickey Nelson, public service assistant for the Missouri Department of Conservation in Kansas City. "The hunt took place Oct. 25 and 26, and is called Urban Deer Management portion."

Some hunts are in cooperation with the MDC, but the final details and requirements are left to the individual community providing the hunt.

The community of Loma Linda with assistance from the MDC held the town's first hunt this year.

"We had to thin the deer population here," said Lorraine Whittington, town clerk for Loma Linda. "It should have been done sooner, so we really had no choice."

Hunters were recommended by the MDC concerning their proficiency with archery.

This limited managed hunt was restricted to only those hunters provided by the MDC.

Each of the hunters were required to have all the necessary tags for the state hunt and the Loma Linda decal for their vehicles.

Only seven hunters were permitted at a time, only deer without antlers were to be taken, and it was the hunter's responsibility to obtain permission from the land owner prior to hunting.

"Before we could have the hunt, we had to pass an ordinance to allow the hunt," Whittington said.

"This is just a one time deal, not a regular thing."

Other areas have experienced problems with deer as well: the local airport, Precious Moments, nurseries in Sarcoxie and some local farmers.

"In Joplin, we certainly are not where the deer are at hazardous conditions

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Hot tech toys top shoppers' lists

Remote-controlled cars, laptop computers appeal to people of various ages

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Technology is on the minds of several people this year, especially with the holiday season now in progress.

Anyone who needs to shop for the right gift has many possibilities.

Radio Shack has several items to look at.

Buddy Zimmerman, sales associate at Radio Shack in the Northpark Mall, said the hot items this year are remote-controlled cars.

He said all age groups are buying them, not just children.

The cars, called "X-MODS," sell for $49.99 and go around 18-20 mph. With an upgrade kit, the cars can reach speeds near 25 mph.

Best Buy also offers a wide variety of items for shoppers this year.

"A lot of people are going to laptops," said Tim Wagner, sales assistant manager with Best Buy.

He said the portability and convenience of laptop computers are appealing to students who would otherwise have to have access to a computer lab or personal computer at all times.

Some Missouri Southern students would agree.

"I want a laptop so bad," said Kaleb Bishop, freshman business major.

Bishop said a laptop computer would allow him to complete homework and business work anywhere he wanted.

Mica Henry, senior political science major, agreed with Bishop.

"[I want] a laptop because I'm a nerd," he said.

Henry also said he thinks convenience is important.

Convenience is a feature of several items at Best Buy and Radio Shack.

Portable MP3 players are available in sizes near that of pens. The players can also fit on lanyards around one's neck.

Wagner noted that a person can go from any computer and download MP3's to the players and have the ability to take his or her own music with them.

Other people are looking into gaming.

Game Cubes from Nintendo are retailing for $99.99, and the X-Box from Microsoft retails for around $180. Each system's price depends on the place and package available.

Bishop said the other item he wanted, besides a laptop, was an X-Box.

"I want one," he said.

"I'd go up to people and say, 'I have an X-Box.' Deep down, it's one of the greatest systems made."

Though some may want to play games, others are setting up home theater systems.

Wagner said more people are opting out of going to see movies in the theater to see movies at home in their living rooms.

Overall, anywhere a person goes, stores are willing to help their customers find that perfect gift.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Joplin resident Kaleb Stettes spends a few minutes playing with the new Hulk pinball game Dec. 6 at Radio Shack while his parents shopped in the store.

$150,000 donation helps move along rec center planning

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

A $150,000 donation will fund a feasibility study for the construction of a student recreation center.

At the Nov. 21 Board of Governors meeting Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, asked the Board to approve a bid of $118,000 to the RDG architectural firm from Des Moines, Iowa.

"They (RDG) will be collecting all the data necessary to determine what the students want most," Agee said.

Afterward, RDG will do a site analysis based on the data collected. The firm recommended three main sites and addressed the pros and cons of each to the committee to bid for the position.

The most likely site is an addition to Billingsly Student Center. Other possible sites include on the corner of Duquesne and Newman Roads and attaching the structure to the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Carnahan said he thinks it will be most cost effective to renovate and add on to Billingsly; also, it would breathe new life into the campus.

"The more student interest we have, the better," Agee said. "We want to best meet the needs of the students on this campus."

Student desires and contributions by donors will determine how the project is financed. Any fees will be determined by the overall cost of the project stemming from what the students say they would like to have.

RDG will visit campus during the spring semester to meet with students, faculty and staff, and it will send surveys out via student e-mail.

RDG, along with Brailsford and Dunlavey of Washington, D.C., will do survey/market analysis and the financial analysis on the different concepts that would be developed for the project.

"The depth and capabilities of the financial software model demonstrated during the presentation was extremely impressive," said Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant and member of the committee.

The committee wants to keep any fees to the students at a minimum, said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"Any fees the students have to pay will be charged to the faculty and staff too," he said. "It's only fair."

"It was nice to have the planning money, so beyond a good idea, we will have a well thought out and researched concept to take to donors," Agee said.

Currently the Southern Foundation is in discussion with some potential donors about the project.

"We do need a facility to stay competitive and draw students to campus," said Curt Betebenner, director of the Foundation.

Although it has not been determined if the community will be able to use the facilities, Betebenner thinks it may build "community good will" if people were able to use the facilities during children's soccer games and the like.

As well, charging for memberships would offset the expense to students, faculty and staff.

"We need this facility; we need a showcase on campus," Carnahan said. "The research is clear to back it up."

Most colleges and universities across the country are building, or planning to build, state-of-the-art student recreation centers.

Part of the recreation center project is to improve the health center facilities.

Currently the health center doesn't have running water in the examination room and facilities are cramped. The recreation center will house a new health center.

"We are going to look at the campus as a whole to develop focus groups for this project," said Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation and wellness.

"The purpose of the surveys RDG will be doing is to determine what the students want. We have a high commuter demographic so that may determine different facilities than at other institutions," Carnahan said.

"This facility could service other areas of campus too," Fullerton said.

He said it could be used for kinesiology, nursing or elementary education majors to gain experience in some of the facilities.

Students are going off campus to gain lab experience for kinesiology and other majors. An on-campus facility would allow students to stay at Southern and get the experience they need.

Carnahan said conceptual drawings should be available at the end of April or first of May.

"We want a building that will be the first or last stop on a tour; we need that 'wow' factor" he said.

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Investigator audits international compliance

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Missouri Southern international students were under investigation the first week of December.

On Dec. 2, an investigator hired by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services visited the campus to check for compliance with admissions and tracking guidelines.

"He (the investigator) was very pleased with everything he saw," said Brenda Blalock, international admissions coordinator.

The investigator randomly selected nine international students' files and checked to see if their files were up to date and in compliance with federal law.

In October 2001, Congress passed the Patriot Act, which updated the federal government's Student Exchange Visitor Information System. After Southern admits an international student, the Internet-based SEVIS is notified, and USCIS approves the request.

Stephanie Goad
International Student Adviser

By law, the University is required to provide regular electronic reports to USCIS throughout the student's academic career.

The number of credit hours the international student is taking each semester, where he or she is working and whether or not the student drops below a full course of study without prior authorization are just a few items Southern must document in the SEVIS program.

The investigator checked for compliance.

"We knew they would be doing the audits," said Stephanie Goad, international student adviser and exchange program coordinator.

USCIS gave Southern officials a week's notice to prepare.

Goad used the time to look over records.

"I wanted to make sure everything was in order," she said.

The investigator asked several questions regarding regulations, procedures and reviewed nine student files.

"He told us we did great," Goad said.

The investigator will submit his findings to USCIS officials in Washington, D.C., and a written approval to continue having international students on campus will be issued to Southern.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, oversaw the student audit.

"I think it went well," she said. "We were able to answer all of his questions."

Griffin said she was happy to see Southern do well in the meeting with the investigator.

"We wanted to make sure we were up to speed," Griffin said.

With the passing of the Patriot Act, Southern can expect future audits every couple of years.

"It's a team effort," Goad said.

She said she and everyone else involved with international students on campus will be ready.

Islander adjusts to Joplin, makes the most of University life

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Lenore Lewis, an international student from Tortola says she is adjusting to life at the University.

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Chart Reporter

Home is far away, and the weather is fluctuating every day but Lenore Lewis, junior psychology major, still enjoys attending Missouri Southern.

Being born and raised in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Lewis had become accustomed to a certain way of life.

She has never experienced so much fluctuation in the weather or so much humidity.

"It's hot in Tortola all year round, but it's not humid," Lewis said.

"Seventy-five degrees would be considered cold for Virgin Islanders," said Randall Georges, junior graphic design major, who is a friend of Lewis' and was also raised in the British Virgin Islands.

Tortola is located 60 miles east of Puerto Rico and is a predominantly black island with 19,000 people.

Coming from the BVI to Missouri has made Lewis realize things are not the same here as they are back home. She has had to make some adjustments.

"I am not used to being the minority, but I have to adjust," she said.

"Where I am from I am the majority, and whites are the minority.

> *"There are no hills and no beaches here, I am used to walking to a beach whenever I wanted to."*
>
> **Lenore Lewis**
> *Junior Psychology Major*

"There are no hills and no beaches here, I am used to walking to a beach whenever I wanted to."

The greatest challenge for Lewis to overcome was the racial barrier and culture shock in Southwest Missouri.

While searching for a school to attend she kept in mind "low cost and small college." She did an Internet search and found Southern. She was later told that H. Lavity Stout Community College, the school she attended in the BVI, was affiliated with Southern.

At the BVI community college's graduation in the summer of 2003, University President Julio León was a keynote speaker, and Lewis' family was impressed with his speech.

"Dr. León is a good speaker, and his speech was short and sweet," Lewis said. "This was another reason for me making the decision to attend Southern."

There are things Lewis likes about Southern besides the size and cost. She said she likes the closeness she has with her friends and instructors but there are things she is still getting used to, such as drive-thru services.

"Tortola has no drive-thrus because it would eliminate the closeness between customer and worker," she said. "The differences are good though."

When it comes to having a good time, Lewis likes to hang out with friends, play ping-pong, attend school functions and read books.

"I am a Christian so there is no partying for me, but I still have fun," she said.

Christmas break is around the corner and Lewis' family is ready for her to come home, and she is ready as well. She likes Southern, but she misses her family, and her mother's cooking.

"I look forward to seeing my family and starting my second semester at Southern in the spring," she said.

Lewis enjoys Southern even though she is far from home, but said she is making the best of it.

HUNT:

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like some other areas," said Scott Burger, conservation agent.

Kansas City and St.Louis also held urban hunts to control the deer herds within the city as did several other communities in Missouri.

These managed hunts serve many purposes. They manage the deer population as a whole, and the MDC uses this opportunity to test deer for chronic wasting disease.

While CWD is not harmful to humans, it is a devastating problem for deer and elk.

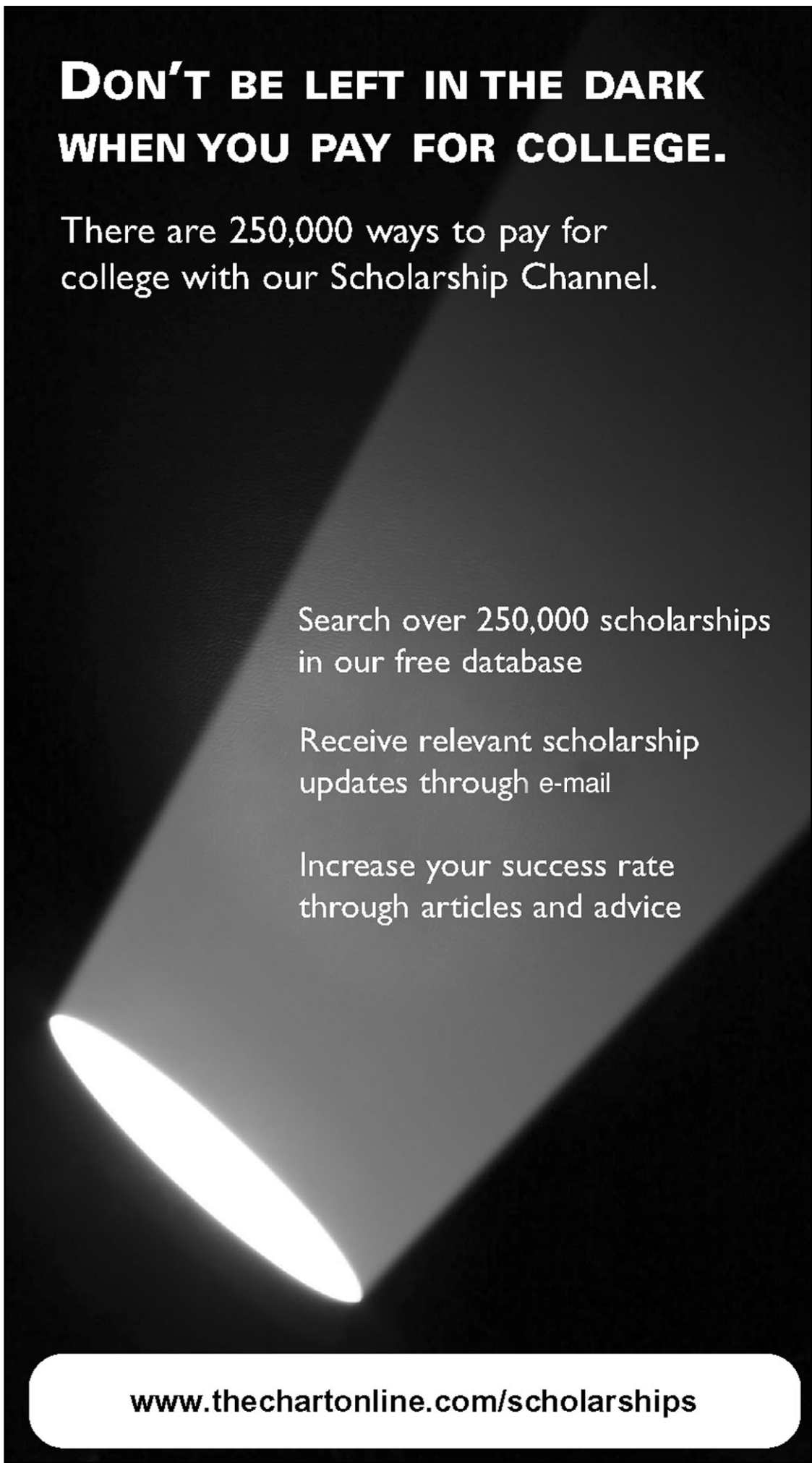
The disease has not been found in Missouri, but several other states including Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma have documented cases. Cases of CWD have also been reported in Canada.

Check stations have been established in Missouri to help prevent the disease from infecting the state's deer herd.

EAGLE PROJECT

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Matthew Gentry, 16-year-old junior at Joplin High School, was the student in charge of an Eagle Scout Project to clean the area near the Biology Pond.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Communication students venture to Austria, Hungary

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

From Nov. 22-29, 12 Missouri Southern communication students and two faculty members traveled to Vienna.

The trip was set up because in June 2000, Thomas Bauer, a professor at the University of Vienna, and 11 students traveled to Southern for a multicultural journalism seminar.

"Professor Bauer has always talked about us (Southern) visiting Vienna," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies and one of the faculty members to go on the trip.

"We were afraid we'd lose that contact if we waited much longer."

The students who went on the trip all took the Global Journalism course, instructed by Stebbins either this semester or in the fall semester of 2002.

Liz Scheurich, senior communications major, said she went on the trip because she was enrolled in the Global Journalism class, and the trip was offered to the class.

Dr. Chad Stebbins
Director of the Institute of International Studies

While in Vienna, the students attended classes, lectures and receptions, visited a television and radio station, and were able to tour the city in their free time.

"I was there translating and guiding people," said Dr. Eugene Chang, assistant professor of French and German. "And ensuring no one got into too much trouble."

Chang held sessions before the trip to teach students the basics of German. He said he has been to Vienna before.

"I had a very good time," he said.

"I hope the students did as well."

"We had a great time," said Scheurich.

On Nov. 28, the students gave presentations to two master's-level classes at the University of Vienna. The presentations dealt with various aspects pertaining to the future of the United States.

"I thought it was a good idea to let [the classes] know our ideas of the United States," Scheurich said. "A lot of people did a good job [on their presentations]."

The group was able to take a train to Budapest, where they toured for six to seven hours on Nov. 26.

"That was just a sightseeing trip," Stebbins said.

This was the first time Chang, who said he has been to nearly every major European capital city, was able to visit Budapest.

"[Visiting Budapest] was a thrill," he said.

Budapest was not the only other city the group was able to tour.

The group had a long layover in Amsterdam and was able to leave the airport and take a train into the city for a few hours.

Southern paid for the students airline tickets, and the students had to pay their hotel and food costs. Scheurich said the hotel was about $250, and she spent around $400-$500 altogether.

Stebbins said he and Bauer are talking about a future project between Southern and the University of Vienna.

When Bauer and the 11 students came to Southern, they published a collaborative magazine, an issue of the *International Crossroads*. It was published at both campuses. Stebbins said Bauer would like to work on another collaborative magazine, possibly on Islam.

Stebbins is not sure when Southern students will be able to go to Vienna again.

"If anything, I think the next trip will be made by the University of Vienna back to Missouri Southern," he said.

Southern honors outstanding international student

Myriam Gharbi-Palmer takes home award after helping others file income taxes

BY KARENA WELLS
Chart Reporter

In January 2003 international students at Missouri Southern faced the challenge of income taxes.

When Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, died, there was no one at Missouri Southern who could assist the international students in completing their income taxes.

Not filing income taxes, or doing them wrong, could prevent an international student from attaining citizenship or a work visa. International income taxes also require more information than regular income taxes because of the treaty information specific for each country.

Myriam Gharbi-Palmer, senior bachelor of education major, was one of the international students who would have to file income taxes.

"We (the international students) were on our own," Gharbi-Palmer said. "Americans already have problems doing taxes. How could you expect an international student to know what to do?"

Gharbi-Palmer decided to try and help herself, as well as the other international students. She took it upon herself to contact Judy Todd at the University of Missouri-Columbia to find out what information was needed to file the international income taxes.

Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, also assisted in finding out the necessary information to prepare the taxes.

"Without Judy or Deb, I could not have helped anyone," Gharbi-Palmer said.

Of the more than 100 international students at Missouri Southern, Gharbi-Palmer helped more than 20 international students file their income taxes.

Myriam Gharbi-Palmer
Bachelor of Education

"Myriam literally saved the day," said Stephanie Goad, international student adviser.

"She took the baton from Dr. Shaver and ran with it."

This year when it came time to choose an Outstanding International Student to represent Missouri Southern, Gharbi-Palmer was the obvious choice. Goad, who was responsible for the nomination of an international student for the award, believed Gharbi-Palmer deserved the award.

"I am proud of all of our International Students, and Myraim really stood out," Goad said.

On Dec. 2, Gharbi-Palmer joined 188 other international students from Missouri at the fifth annual Governor's International Student Day in Jefferson City. Gharbi-Palmer was one of three chosen to represent the state. She presented a speech and met Gov. Bob Holden.

"I think he liked my speech, he was laughing when I made a joke," Gharbi-Palmer said.

She is currently a student teacher at Carl Junction High School. She will graduate in December with her bachelor of education degree.

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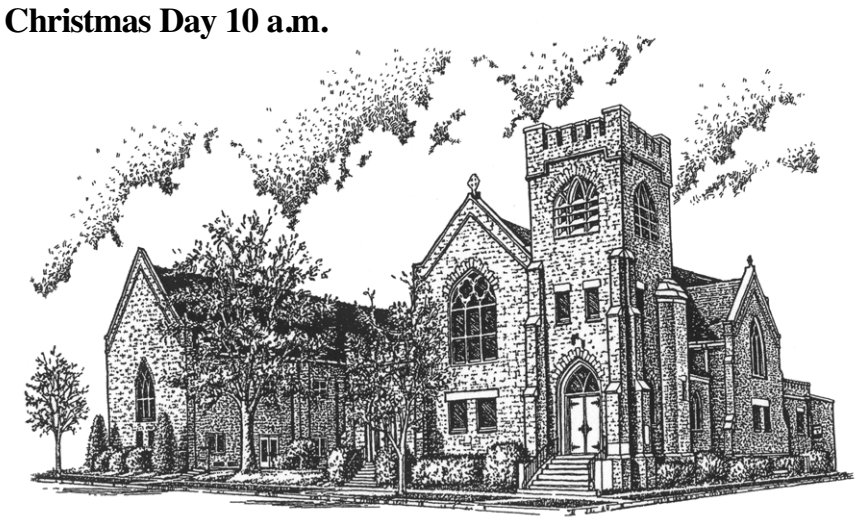

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DEGREES:

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interim vice president for academic affairs.

NWMSU sent in the request with an endorsement by Southern.

The request will be posted on the CBHE Web site on or about Dec. 15. So long as there are no objections or requests for clarification the board is anticipated to approve the proposal by the end of January.

"We don't foresee any problems," Leon said.

In the meantime Southern's dean of education Dr. Michael Horvath is working with NWMSU's dean of education, Dr. Max Ruhl to line out specifics like where each course will be taught and by what means.

Students at both universities will have the opportunity to enroll in the courses regardless of which campus is offering them.

"We have moved away from a time period where as many people can be full time students," Griffin said. "Many people are place bound because of jobs and responsibilities, we are offering these degrees for people who find it difficult to travel to complete their degree."

Financial assistance can be split between universities making it easier for students receiving loans and other forms of financial aid. Some of the small details are yet to be worked out such as enrollment procedures.

"We are working to make it easy for students to get their transcripts back and forth," Griffin said. "We are doing what we can to make it fairly seamless for the students."

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Instructor receives award

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

This instructor received more than just an apple on his desk for his teaching abilities.

Dr. Arthur Saltzman, professor of English, was this year's pick for the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The awards ceremony took place at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield where Saltzman ate lunch with Gov. Bob Holden and the 68 other recipients of the award.

"Who can complain?" Saltzman said.

He said a friend told him he should realize that lunch with the governor was nothing to sneeze at, because if he had been in California, he would've been eating with Arnold Schwarzennegger.

Saltzman was surprised to win the award and said it was a humbling experience.

"I think it's less recognition as it is something to live up to from this point on," he said.

Every year the governor recognizes the accomplishments of faculty members from postsecondary schools, colleges and universities from around the state by giving them the excellence award.

Saltzman was chosen for the award by University President Julio León.

"He is one of our outstanding professors," León said.

He said Saltzman is the type of instructor that sets an example to his colleagues.

"We were very proud to nominate him for this award," León said.

Since 1979, Saltzman has been on the faculty at Missouri Southern, where he has earned the Outstanding Teacher Award at the university level.

He has published seven books, written numerous articles and essays, won the Creative Non-Fiction Prize in 2002, won the First Series Creative Non-Fiction Award in 2000 and was selected for the 2003 Victor J. Emmett, Jr. Memorial Prize.

Special to The Chart

Dr. Arthur Saltzman (seated) signs copies of one of his books.

Saltzman said he is lucky to work at a place like Southern where he can exercise his interests and be recognized for them.

"It's about time Dr. Saltzman won this award," said Dr. Dale Simpson, head of the English department.

Simpson said Saltzman is finally being recognized for his many accomplishments throughout the years.

"He would be a model for any university professor anywhere in this country," Simpson said.

SAFETY:

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junior nursing major, both prefer public safety at the University to remain as it is.

"That's kind of scary, actually," Brigman said. "They are kind of like mall cops."

Van Dyke said it is not necessary for public safety to have any additional power on campus.

"The most power our security needs, is the power to pick up the phone and call the Joplin Police Department," he said.

Although administration, students and staff have indicated the time is not right to commission the University's public safety officers, León said he is not ruling anything out for the future of the University.

"I have a lot of confidence that Mr. Kennedy will study the issues as they relate to our students," León said. "In the end whether we remain as we are or evolve will depend on what we feel is best for us."

Kennedy said students would not notice too much of a difference, should the change come to pass. The transition to a law enforcement agency would be gradual, and it would be up to the campus to decide if officers would be armed, he said.

Kennedy did offer several benefits to having a police force on campus.

"We would have more control over what kind of enforcement was on campus," he said.

This means that because local police departments would not have primary jurisdiction on campus, campus officers would handle situations, not necessarily making arrests for minor offenses but rather issuing citations.

"You don't have to have everybody commissioned to be a police department, and that is a common practice," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said all of the department's current personnel have been through basic police training.

BOARD:

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investigate the possibility of an electric sign this year."

- Governors were updated on the search for a vice president for academic affairs. The search committee plans to bring candidates to campus in the spring.
- The head football coach committee is screening applicants and has a goal to appoint a new coach in mid-December. There were 60 applicants for the position.
- New business included the academics policies committee seeking Board approval for a new major and new minors as well as reinstatement of a bachelor of science in education in chemistry and physical science.

New minors include sustainability, public relations and crime scene investigation.

The new major is for a bachelor of science in biochemistry. The programs were approved by the board and now await approval by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.

SEARCH:

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been fully arranged, the interviews will include meetings with students, faculty and staff.

Students will have an opportunity to question the candidates as will other faculty and staff not on the selection committee, Agee said.

The applicants come from various institutions including large and small institutions both public and private.

"I think the broad interest in our campus shows we are a place people want to be," she said.

The main areas of focus the committee will examine include a vice president who is student oriented and demonstrates academic leadership.

"We want someone who knows what it means to encourage and foster a commitment to excellence," Agee said.

"We want a candidate who has advised a club that received awards or gone to nationals, someone who inspires students to excel academically."

The position has a starting date of July 1, 2004.

The benefits are standard to Missouri Southern, however the salary has not been set.

"It will be comparable to the selected candidate's current salary and will be officially negotiated when the position is offered," Agee said.

The Chart
will return in January. See you then.

FIRE:

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children. "We can grab them and get out."

After going to bed, she could hear the neighbors above her being rowdy and loud.

"It's not unusual to hear this screaming and fighting and stuff that goes on," Goswick said.

Around 11:30 p.m., she heard a woman yelling for help and thought it must be some sort of domestic dispute. She told Snowden to call 911, grabbed a weapon and ran outside.

When she turned the corner, she saw the smoke.

Goswick ran back into her apartment and yelled for Snowden to get the children out of bed because there was a fire.

Snowden said she tried to wake up the children, but it wasn't until she walked outside to see where the fire was that she saw the urgency.

"I realized it was our building," Snowden said.

After her children were out of the apartment, Goswick hurried around the rest of the complex banging on doors, waking people up and telling them to leave the building because of the fire.

Some of the adults from the apartment above Goswick's had to jump from the building onto a blanket below. One woman sustained a back injury from landing wrong.

When the initial excitement was over, Goswick sat down in the parking lot and watched Quail Ridge burn and explode in orange and blue flames, her home taken from her.

What she had originally thought was another domestic dispute amongst her neighbors turned out to be a fire that engulfed her apartment complex in flames and left her homeless.

She said it was reported that a 3-year-old started the fire in the apartment above hers by playing with a lighter near some curtains. Goswick said she doesn't know if she believes that, since she said her neighbors didn't have curtains.

Snowden and Goswick were able to salvage many of their clothes and a few other belongings, but they said it all has smoke and water damage. Friends tell her she will never get the smoke smell out, but she brought them to the cleaners anyway, hoping they would be able to save the clothes.

Goswick, contacted Melissa Locher, coordinator of disability services in the Learning Center, shortly after the fire.

"Kristy was calling me saying, 'I don't know where we're going,'" Locher said.

Locher sent out a campus-wide e-mail asking for donations to help the two students. They didn't have renters insurance, so they lost a lot to the fire, including a place to live. The Red Cross gave Goswick and Snowden money for a hotel room through Dec. 1, after that they stayed at the Salvation Army for a couple nights and then at a friend's house until they could find a place to live. A person who works at Missouri Southern offered the students an empty duplex.

Goswick said she was grateful for a place to live, and the owner is going to work with them on rental fees until they get back on their feet.

Locher said donations have been coming in consistently since she sent out the e-mail. The students have received cash, clothes, dishes, sheets, pillows and more.

"It's been a really nice community effort," Locher said.

Snowden is on Southern's track team. Her teammates wanted to help out in some way, so they came out to the duplex on Dec. 5 to help Goswick and Snowden move in and clean.

"The donations have definitely been overwhelming," Goswick said with tears in her eyes. "It really does make you feel like it is a family here."

"It's mind-boggling that people will go to such great extents when they don't even know you."

Now, Goswick is trying to get her life back to normal, but it isn't easy. Her children are also having trouble sleeping, afraid another fire might catch them with their eyes closed. She said she's had to go to their school, because she was told that her youngest, 10, wouldn't stop crying.

The hardest thing Goswick said is trying to get things together so she can make sure her three children have a Christmas.

That's important to her. But, she said it's most important that they made it out of the fire without harm.

"We're alive," she said. "It makes everything else look really small."

If any person would like to donate items to Goswick and Snowden, please contact the Learning Center at 625-9373.

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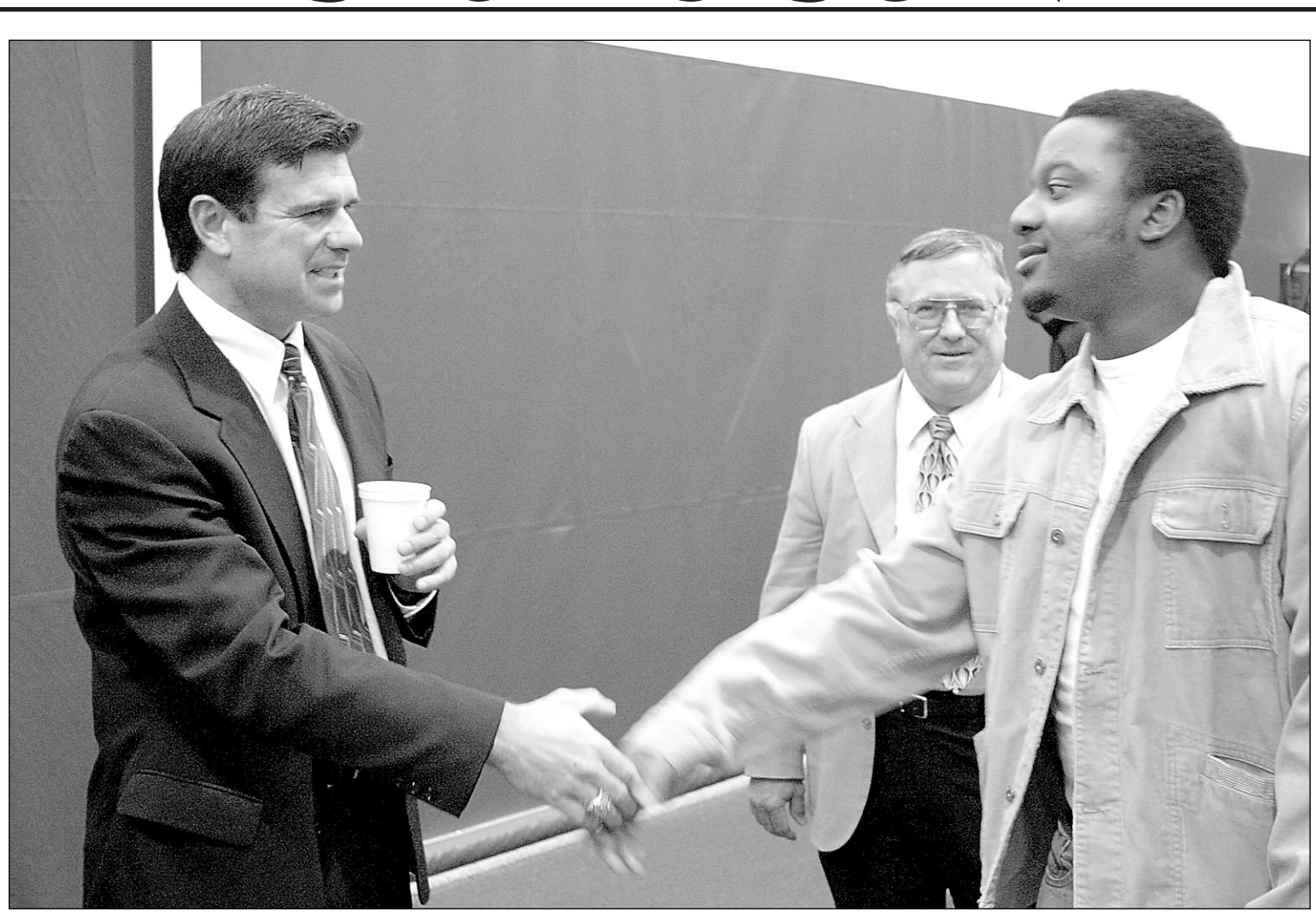


Jim Svoboda, offensive coordinator at Northwest Missouri State University, greets Missouri Southern football players following his question and answer period with the public Dec. 1.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Coach finalists speak to public

BY PHILIP MARTIN AND JEREMIAH COOK
Sports Editor/Staff Writer

As the semester draws to a close, the committee in charge of finding a replacement football coach draws closer to a decision.

The committee has named three finalists for the position: Jim Svoboda, offensive coordinator at Northwest Missouri State University; R.E. "Rocky" Hager, tight ends coach/recruiting coordinator at Temple University; and Keith Baxter, head coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. On Dec. 1, Svoboda came to meet with the Missouri Southern football team and fans. He said he liked the community at Southern and "they are hungry for a winner."

While spending his time at NWMSU, he saw six of his offensive players drafted by the NFL. Svoboda was named 1998 Division II Offensive Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Coach* magazine.

"In the past few days, he's learned a lot about Missouri Southern," Beard said.

Beard said she wanted the community to meet the coaching finalists, because the committee wanted the community's input in the process.

"We feel like the community needs to have some ownership and some impact on the process," she said.

On Dec. 8, Hager came to campus to meet and greet the community. Hager formerly coached at North Dakota State from 1988 until 1997, when he resigned from his position amid some controversy. Hager had amassed a 91-25-1 record, winning two NCAA Division II titles and five North Central Conference championships.

Rocky Hager
Head Coach Finalist

Beard said Hager's past does not leave a bad taste in the committee's mouth. In February 2003, it was reported by the *Grand Forks Herald* that Hager applied for his old position back at NDSU when it became available. The newspaper also reported Hager as saying he "would not consider coming back to NDSU if the school stayed in NCAA Division II."

Beard said members of the community in Fargo approached Hager to apply for his old job, but he chose not to apply. Hager could not be reached for comment on the matter.

While at TU, Hager started out coaching the quarterbacks, before coaching the inside linebackers. He is currently in his fourth year as recruiting coordinator for the Owls.

On Dec. 10, Baxter made his appearance before the Southern fan base and football players. He said his philosophy is to put "players in the best position possible to be successful."

Keith Baxter
Head Coach Finalist

"It's a system, and winning is part of that system," he said.

Baxter believes it is important to bring respect back to the football program at the University and bringing respect back starts with the football team. This will lead to the campus and then the community.

"We don't use the words 'failure' and 'quit,'" Baxter said.

At SOSU, Baxter took over a team that had a 1-9 record the previous season. The season he took over the Savages posted a 3-7 record. He has since led the team to back-to-back 7-3 seasons. Baxter does not believe in recruiting junior college players as an "immediate fix," because doing that brings about "immediate problems."

LION STATS

Men's Basketball

Dec. 6 Results

SGU (70)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Baker	3-8	5-5	12
Rourka	4-11	1-2	10
Mello	2-6	5-7	10
Rowe	6-14	0-0	12
Evans	3-14	6-8	13
Moses	3-5	0-1	6
Vo	0-0	0-0	0
Zuhdi	0-1	1-2	1
Reeves	0-1	0-3	0
MoTaggart	0-1	0-0	0
Dunbar	2-3	2-2	6

MSSU (93)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	8-12	1-2	21
Rose	4-9	4-4	12
Redmond	2-3	0-1	4
Watts	9-16	0-0	26
Ocasio	0-5	3-4	3
Prue	0-0	5-6	5
Clair	1-2	1-2	3
Jones	1-5	2-2	5
Sherrell	3-5	2-4	10
Engelken	0-3	0-0	0
Jones	0-1	2-2	2
Habermehl	1-2	0-0	2
Collazo	0-0	0-0	0

SGU	**25**	**45**	**— 70**
MSSU	**57**	**36**	**— 93**

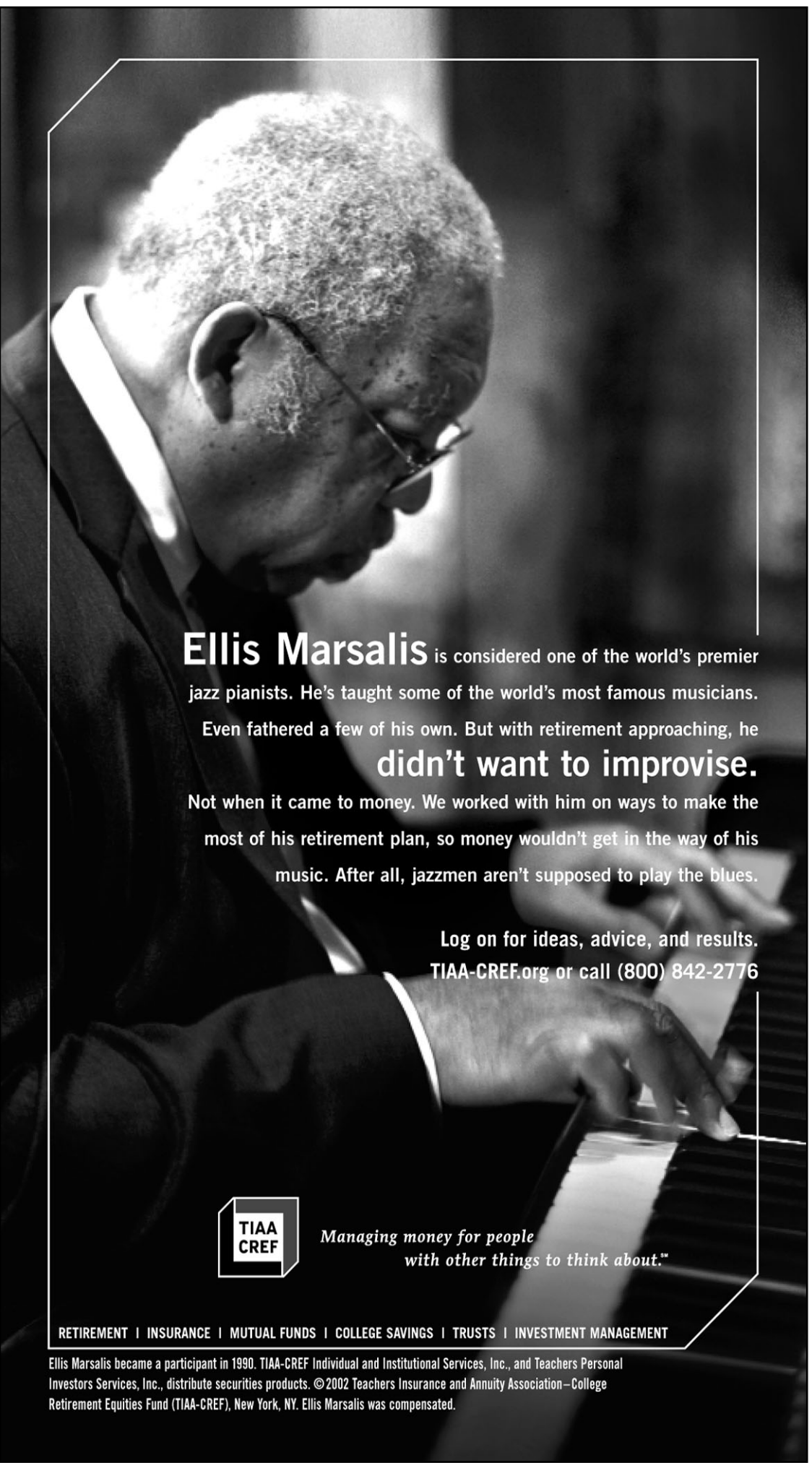
Women's Basketball

Dec. 9 Results

ECU (49)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Shores	3-5	6-6	12
Griffith	2-5	5-5	9
Singleton	1-6	0-0	3
Sutton	1-7	0-0	3
Donovan	1-6	1-2	4
Dominick	2-6	4-4	10
Miller	1-6	1-2	4
Hayes	1-4	0-1	2
Ingram	0-0	0-0	0
Rupeikaite	1-4	0-1	2

MSSU (70)			
Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	4-11	0-1	8
Harrell	3-5	4-5	10
Koenig	2-5	2-3	7
Deen	3-7	0-0	7
Hallman	4-5	0-0	9
Gossard	0-0	2-2	2
Coston	0-0	2-2	2
Greninger	6-9	2-2	18
Grosse	0-0	0-0	0
Adkison	0-1	0-0	0
Chistensen	3-6	1-2	7

St. Gregory's	**25**	**45**	**- 70**
MSSU	**57**	**36**	**- 93**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Men's b-ball tie school record with 15 three-pointers scored

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Men's basketball tied the school record for most three-pointers in a game Dec. 6.

During the game against St. Gregory's University game Ameer Watts tied the Missouri Southern record for single-game three-pointers connecting on eight three-point shots. The team as a whole scored 15 three-pointers tying the University record.

Watts went nine for 16 in total field goals attempted. He was eight for 14 in three-point field goal attempts. Watts shot six of the eight tying three-pointers in the first half.As a team, the Lions scored 29 of 63 total field goals attempted and 15 of 33 three-point field goals. The team scored 12 of the 15 tying three-point field goals in the first half, making 57.1 percent of the three-point field goals in the first half and 45.5 percent for the entire game.

"I thought we played well in both games," said Robert Corn, head men's basketball coach. "I thought we shot the three extremely well, particularly the second night in the first half."

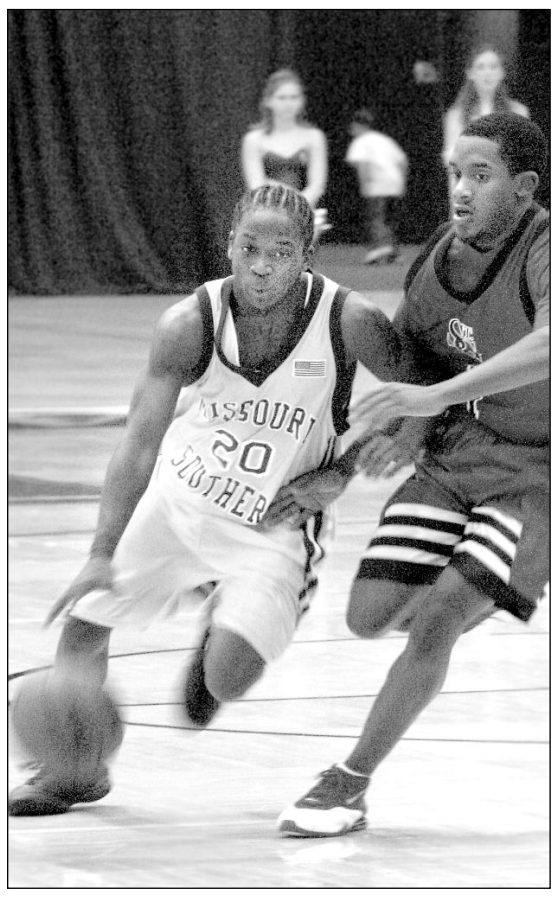
Corn said he thought the team was able to get into a positive flow in the game against SGU. The Lions defeated the Cavaliers, 93-70.

The team played SGU on the second night of the Freeman Sports Medicine/Chris Tucker Classic held at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The Lions won their first game against Central Baptist College, 104-67, on Dec. 5.

The Pittsburg State University Gorillas participated in the classic winning both their games against SGU, 80-67, and CBC, 94-65. Southern improved its record to 7-2. PSU holds a record of 7-1. Emporia State University sits atop the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's standings with a 7-0 record. Northwest Missouri State University, University of Missouri-Rolla and Washburn University are tied for second with records of 6-0. Central Missouri State University holds down the fifth position with a record of 5-0. PSU is in sixth and Southern is in seventh. Missouri Western State College is in eighth with a record of 5-2. Southwest Baptist University and Truman State University round out the standings with records of 3-4 apiece.

The Lions next play the Dream Builders, an exhibition game, at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Corn said the team was originally supposed to play Rockhurst University Saturday, but the Hawks will be playing a Division I team.



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Junior guard Jeremy Jones races past a St. Gregory's University guard Dec. 6. The Lions defeated the Cavaliers, 93-70.

Southern switched dates with the Dream Builders from Nov. 15 to Saturday.

"We wanted to play a game before we let the young men leave for Christmas break," he said. "Once they get finished with finals they can go home for a few days. We wanted to play a game before that occurred, because once we get back we start pretty quick. Dec. 30 is our conference game against Truman."

Corn said he does not believe Southern has the dominant team in the conference, but he doesn't believe the conference competition will be like football with a five-way tie for first place.

"It's the situation where it will be very competitive," Corn said.

"I think it's going to be a situation where you got a lot of teams with the capability of knocking each other off. I think all 10 teams will have an opportunity to make a difference in the conference race this year."

Steelers Fanatic

Love of team leads Joplin resident to decorate house, self

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Joplin resident Roy Peterson got a tattoo of Three Rivers Stadium after attending a game at the stadium before it was replaced with Heinz Field.

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

It all started on the gridiron for Roy Peterson.

The Joplin resident has been a Pittsburgh Steelers fan since the 1970s, shortly after he started playing football. At the time his love for the game and the Steelers being one of the best professional teams around, it seemed obvious to be a Steelers fan.

"They're a class act organization," Peterson said. "They're kind of a family."

When Jeanne, his wife, first met Roy, he was a Steelers fan. At the time they first started dating she watched the Kansas City Chiefs. Roy eventually won her over to being a Steelers fan.

"I was a fan of the Chiefs, but that was a long time ago," Jeanne said. "It was close to here and everybody in the area is a Chiefs fan. He kind of got me. I got hooked on the Steelers, too. I liked Terry Bradshaw and Joe Green. Those were the good days."

As a fan, Peterson started collecting memorabilia around 1980. Since then the collection has grown from a few items to enough collectables to fill a room. His collection is so big he cannot recall what his first purchase was in the collection.

"It was a jersey or something," he said. "It was so long ago, I can't remember."

"I think it's nice he has something that he enjoys," Jeanne said. "That's the thing he enjoys the most, except for our children probably. It's nice that he has a hobby. He lets me do whatever I want as a hobby and I like to decorate."

The collection first took residence in the family room. After his daughter moved out of the house, Jeanne persuaded Roy to move his collection from the family room to his daughter's bedroom. Jeanne told him she didn't care what he did with the room, as long as he got his items out of the family room. Roy soon set up to fix the room the way he wanted it, with the walls painted gold and the carpet black.

"I just let him get whatever he wants for it," Jeanne said. "Everybody knows that if you get Roy anything, get him something Steelers."

The walls are lined with memorabilia. Along the east wall hangs four replica jerseys along with four plaques that represent the four Super Bowl wins for the Steelers.

"These (the four plaques) used to be over here, behind my chair," Roy said. "Every time I would lean back in my chair, my head would rub up against them. Now the names are gone. I was so mad when I saw it."

Above the jerseys are some of the Steelers hats he has collected. Along the bottom of the wall, underneath the jerseys sit four chairs. Two of the chairs are painted black and the other two are black and gold with the Steelers logo on them. On the south wall hangs one of Roy's most prized possessions, an autographed picture of head coach Bill Cowher along with a letter Cowher wrote him. Cowher wrote Roy in response to a letter Roy wrote him about being a die-hard Steelers fan. On the west wall is a bookcase of memorabilia Roy has bought from the Danbury Mint.

"There is probably around $200 worth of collectibles here (on the bookcase shelves)," he said.

The collection of materials has started to spill out of his room and into his front yard. In Roy's front yard, standing more than six feet tall, is an inflatable Steelers player. Beside the player is a sign that reads "Home of a Steelers Fan." Roy's mailbox is made up to resemble a Steelers football helmet. He worried after the first day of putting up his mailbox that "some kid might come by and bash it in." Luckily that has not happened. Hanging from his porch are two banners and a windsock, all emblazoned with the Steelers logo.

Roy raised his children as Steelers fans. Anything they got for birthdays or Christmas always had a Steelers theme to it, like bicycles and clothes. There was a scare for a moment that his daughter, Gina, might turn out to be a Dallas Cowboys fan, but all was forgiven when the family found out she liked the Cowboys because of the cheerleaders.

"My kids, everything they got, their bikes were Steelers bikes," Jeanne said. "Their blankets, their jackets, they got into it too. They still are; my daughter lives up in Springfield after moving from Kansas City. She was behind enemy lines; it was a little spooky, but she never changed. She stayed a Steelers fan."

Both of Roy's kids were involved in sports when growing up. Gina played soccer for Missouri Southern and scored the first goal for the women's soccer team in the debut game against Southwest Baptist University in September 1998.

Roy has only been to one Steelers game at Pittsburgh his entire life.

It was the final season the team was playing at Three Rivers Stadium and he wanted to be there for it. To commemorate his trip Roy got a tattoo on his arm showcasing the stadium. With a power-packed cable plan, Roy always watches the Steelers play every Sunday.

"If they win, then I'm in a good mood for the week," Roy said. "If they lose, I'm mad about it until Sunday."

While out shopping with his wife, Roy has met up with fellow Pittsburgh fans, and after talking with a couple of them, they plan to start a fan cub in Joplin. The club hopes to form by the beginning of the next football season.

"We'll come to my house and watch the game or go to someone else's house who has it," he said.

Roy and Jeanne usually go to Kansas City to watch the Steelers play the Chiefs. This year after the game was over and Pittsburgh lost, 41-20, Roy and Jeanne, his son and his wife were walking back to their vehicles when some Kansas City fans started harassing the Steelers fans. His son and daughter-in-law walked by first and the fans heckled them.

After they passed Jeanne approached one of the fans and told them they won the game and they shouldn't be treating other people that way. The fan replied with a derogatory remark and spit in her face.

Roy had enough. He walked up to the guy and knocked him out with a single punch.

"I didn't say a thing, I'm not stupid," Roy said. "There's too many Chiefs fans up there. But I'm not going to let a guy spit in my wife's face."

After that guy had hit the ground another one was jumping him. In total Roy fought three guys and won.

One of the guys he fought was one of two who jumped his son. Somewhere in the middle of the fight Roy lost his cell phone and broke his middle finger.

"I was frustrated that we lost, so I took all of my frustration out on them," Roy said. "I sure hope that doesn't happen anymore, I'm getting too old for that."

Roy has never had any problems with Chiefs fans in the past.

He has even started a decorating contest against a neighbor who is a Chiefs fan. After Roy put his inflatable Steelers player in his front yard, it wasn't too long afterward that his neighbor had a Chiefs player in his front yard along with a banner hanging from his porch.

"He won't beat me, I'm the bigger fan," Roy said.

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Junior guard Aubrie Hallman attempts to get around an East Central University guard during the Dec. 9 game. The Lions defeated ECU, 70-49.

Women's b-ball places first in MIAA poll

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The Missouri Southern Lions are on a road to victory with a 6-0 record in the first weeks of the season.

The Lions beat Henderson State University 53-49 and conquered Southwestern Oklahoma State University in overtime with a 6-point lead, 86-80.

During Thanksgiving break the Lions traveled to Pittsburg State University to compete in the Pittsburg State Thanksgiving Classic.

The team had a slim victory over Abeline Christian University, 67-64, then a 10-point win over Panhandle State University, 74-64. These wins lead to a 61-45 win over John Brown, and a huge win of 78-44 against Philander Smith College. On Dec. 9 the Lions went in undefeated against East Central University and came out victorious with a 70-49 win.

"We beat some very good teams," said head women's basketball coach Maryann Mitts.

"Coach Hubbard set up our schedule so that we would be able to play regional opponents at home. Three out of the four (home games) are regional opponents. The team should be very excited. The semester is ending, and they are really going to be able to focus in on positioning themselves very nicely as conference starts."

"I think it's a great start," said Aubrie Hallman junior guard. "How we came out like we did, from seventh in standing to first in our poll."

With all these wins the coaching staff is trying to get the team to not be complacent.

"Our biggest challenge is to not look at wins and losses but to come into practice every day and focus on being a better team," Mitts said.

Mitts is proud of her team, and couldn't stop praising the women's efforts and victories on and off the court.

"Number one our bench has been a pleasant surprise," Mitts said. "Two people in particular, Paige Christiansen and Nicole Greninger, both have stepped up their games and have really provided us a lot of confidence and depth. Wyketha Harrell is playing like every senior should. She plays with confidence, poise and consistency. Vonny Wilson, who didn't play last year because of injury, has produced big numbers for us on the offensive and pulled out some clutch plays late in some ball games. Aubrie Hallman has provided everything we knew she could on both ends of the floor, and she's just going to keep getting better and has really been a catalyst as well."

The 11 women and four coaches with an undefeated record know the next challenge is just the next day.

"It's important to take one game at a time," Mitts said. "It's easy to get carried away, I feel if we will take care of ourselves, if we start to have players who take complete ownership in the program and now that they see and understand what it looks like to get there and now understand what it will take to stay there; I feel very good about our last games of the semester."

Saturday the Lions play Mitts' old school, Rockhurst University at 5:30 p.m. at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

"That's going to be a pretty good game because it's coaches alma mater and she wants too win and we all want to win it for her," Hallman said.

"We played Rockhurst two years ago and that's where I formally coached and we were 7-0 at the time and they upset us," Mitts said. "So this is the return game of that contract."

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